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Local schools would bear brunt of tuition-fee standardization

Education. U of T would face the most staggering hit — a possible $2.1 million in lost fees because students pay $84 more in tuition than the rumored target

In a move that could cost GTA universities millions of dollars in lost tuition, the Ontario government is considering requiring all universities to set the same fee for arts and science programs — meaning some would have to hike tuition to reach the magic number, while others, including those in Toronto, would be forced to chop.

The surprise proposal that would see Queen's Park tell 19 universities exactly what to charge for a program — sources peg it at $5,366 — would spell a worrying loss of campus autonomy as well as revenue, warn some presidents, and cause sudden price changes for some 210,000 Ontario undergraduates.

While it is unlikely any student would face a huge cost swing up or down — arts and science tuitions in the province differ by about $300 and the proposed new figure falls somewhere near the middle — a loss of even $50 per student would punch a hole in campus coffers. It's not clear why the government would consider such a move (provincial officials would not comment) but sources said there has been a suggestion the province would give temporary funding to ease the first hit on revenue.

"We stand to lose more than half a million dollars the first year and that would compound every year," said Sheldon Levy, president of Ryerson University, whose 8,000 arts and science students paid $5,441 in tuition this year — $75 more than the rumored target.

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Toronto FC forward Ryan Johnson celebrates scoring the first goal of the game in first-half action as Toronto FC play Los Angeles Galaxy in the first leg of their CONCACAF Champions League quarter-final at Rogers Centre in Toronto on Wednesday. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. For more on the game, go to metronews.ca. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Child abduction thwarted in Parkdale

Police say a resident's quick thinking saved a 10-year-old boy from an apparent kidnapping as he was walking home from school on King Street West PAGE 3

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From animal hides to woven accent rugs, when it comes to fashionable floor pieces, Metro's laying it all out for you PAGE 52

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Woman thwarts boy's abduction

Crime. Police unsure why child was targeted

Robin North TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A 36-year-old Parkdale woman doesn't think she is a hero, but police are crediting her with saving a 10-year-old boy from an attempted abduction on Tuesday at about 5 p.m.

The boy, who had been dropped off by a bus after school, had been walking westbound on King Street West, near Cowan Avenue, to go home. At the same time, Robin North was leaving her apartment to go to work when she heard a boy's screams.

She whirled around and saw a stocky man wearing a distinctive purple hunter's hat with bedraggled clothes. He was grabbing the boy by the hood of his coat and trying to drag him down the sidewalk.

"The little guy was pulling back and yelling," North said. "I heard him cry, 'No, no, no.'"

North at first thought this may have been a bully family member, but then "it didn't seem right. I just yelled, 'Hey, what's going on?'" she said. "It was very violent."

The man reportedly then shoved the boy to the ground and walked across the street. As North crossed to reach the boy, their eyes met and she got a good look at him, she said.

The man then leaned up against the wall of a pizza joint and just watched them. As soon as she pulled her phone out to call police, the man ducked inside the pizza place, North said.

As she talked to police, the man came out and crossed toward them diagonally, but then he saw an eastbound streetcar coming and climbed aboard.

North relayed the streetcar number to police, who made an arrest a few blocks away.

The boy suffered minor scrapes to his hands and knees.

Rufus Folkes, 33, of Toronto is charged with assault, attempted abduction of a person under 14 and failing to comply probation on unrelated charges.

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To Mars and back: Kitsch comes home

Canadian actor Taylor Kitsch drops by the New.Music.Live. studio in Toronto Wednesday to chat about his upcoming film, John Carter, which hits theatres Friday. Kitsch is in nearly every scene of the $250-million US 3-D feature, based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' John Carter of Mars book series. ALLISON BOWSHER/MUCHMUSIC

Ex-cop blames police training for fatal shooting

Toronto police didn't need to kill Michael Eligon, says retired OPP officer Wayne Smith.

He blames flawed police training for the death of the 29-year-old mental-health patient last month, after Eligon was found wandering around a quiet East York neighbourhood in a hospital gown and socks, carrying scissors.

To his regret, Smith knows all about police shootings. He killed a man in Moosonee, Ont., in 1997, and had to live with being called a "murderer" afterward by the man's estranged spouse.

Smith wishes he had shot Bryan Buchanan in the leg instead. But that would have meant violating the police training model for "use of force," which advocates shooting at centre mass — in other words, to kill.

Residents take part in the Michael Eligon vigil, marching from East York Hospital to 55 Division on Saturday. RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Smith believes he "chickened out" and shot Buchanan in the torso because he feared being disciplined for breaching police training — training he says is fatally flawed.

Two of the three bullets fired at Eligon missed, one striking a window and another hitting a garbage bin, so Smith wonders how effective the strategy is anyway.

Eligon was shot Feb. 3 at 10:15 a.m., in the middle of Milverton Boulevard, raising questions about the necessity of killing someone who was confused and had not been violent toward anyone that morning.

The shooting galvanized the community. Dozens of residents, civic leaders and healthcare advocates held a vigil Saturday and marched to 55 Division to protest the shooting.

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Markham

Suit launched over lewd camp game

The parents of two former Camp Chimo campers have launched a lawsuit against the Town of Markham and five camp counsellors after a crude game of toe-sucking and licking porta-potties was made public.

A claim was filed in Toronto on Feb. 7 for $400,000 in general and punitive damages. It alleges the town "failed to take appropriate measures to warn both parents and campers and protect campers."

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Student protests

Four people were injured during student protests as Quebec's battle over tuition-fee hikes took a nasty turn Wednesday. Watch at metronews.ca/video

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Campaign speaker shows what an empowered girl can do

International Women's Day. Maneesa Sotheeswaran speaks for the I am a Girl Campaign

Sixteen-year-old Maneesa Sotheeswaran epitomizes the theme of this year's International Women's Day: Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures.

While most girls her age are still trying to figure out who they are, Sotheeswaran already knows that she wants to work in the international relations sector and has kick-started her career as a speaker with Plan's Because I am a Girl campaign — a global initiative to help girls in the developing world.

"I want equity and equality within the world and I want to be a little part of the movement to change that," said Sotheeswaran, who is from Toronto.

When she was just shy of 14, she became a part of the campaign's speakers bureau, which trains girls between the ages of 14 to 22 to speak and advocate for girls' rights.

So far, she has already spoken at numerous events and conferences, travelled to London, England, as a youth delegate to voice her opinions on Because I am a Girl's latest 2011 report, and gone to Ottawa to contribute to the International Day of the Girl movement.

"In the beginning I only saw it as an ultimate goal that was very idealistic and then to actually achieve it was amazing," she said about Oct. 11 being formally declared as the International Day of the Girl Child.

Sotheeswaran says becoming a speaker has helped her overcome some of her own issues.

"I went through various stages in life where I basically told myself that I needed to be a certain way in order to fit in," she said. "I made friends that I wasn't very proud of making in the past and decisions that basically didn't reflect on who I was, it only reflected on my insecurities."

Triple Olympic gold medallist and Because I am a Girl ambassador Marnie McBean says the key to fighting gender inequality and marginalization is to empower young girls like Sotheeswaran.

She has been on the receiving end and is now ready to help those in need.

"There have been moments where people have helped me," she said. "And you know, I did make a career in sport, and when it was maybe a bit ahead of its time for people accepting the fact that I could be an aggressive and powerful, muscular woman who is successful."

Paula Roberts, executive vice president of marketing and development for Plan Canada, says to change the plight of girls in the world, they must first help girls here.

By addressing issues girls in Canada face they can then use it as a springboard to talk about issues in the developing world and empower girls to help each other.

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Olympic champion Marnie McBean with students at the Lemuru School in Kenya during the Because I am a Girl Girl Impact trip in September 2009. PLAN CANADA

Equity and equality

"I want equity and equality within the world and I want to be a little part of the movement to change that"

Maneesa Sotheeswaran, 16

Sixteen-year-old Maneesa Sotheeswaran, an active member of Because I am a Girl Speakers Bureau, attended Plan Canada's recent Facebook community engagement. PLAN CANADA

Councillor's theft case may go to special court

Markham Coun. Howard Shore is seen during the last council meeting before the Christmas break at Markham City Hall council chambers. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Howard Shore, the Markham politician charged with stealing a cellphone from his Thornhill gym, may have his case diverted to a special courtroom designed for criminal defendants with mental health problems.

The 47-year-old rookie councillor and motivational speaker was charged on Nov. 23 with theft and possession under $5,000, accused of stealing an iPhone from the Thornhill Fitness Centre.

As revealed by the Toronto Star in December, Shore's theft charge is just the latest in a string of brushes with the law, including a 2008 conviction in the United States for theft and stalking.

At Newmarket court Wednesday, Shore's lawyer said his client's case has been adjourned to Monday, when he will appear in a community treatment courtroom. Edward Prutschi said he hopes to have Shore accepted into a special program for defendants whose mental health or addiction problems have contributed to their alleged offences.

"On the face of it, it's not necessarily dramatically different," Prutschi said outside the courthouse. "The primary difference is that the Crown attorney and the judges are fully aware and cognizant of ... the underlying factors that connect to the offence."

"In this case, obviously, the central element is going to be mental health."

Shore has refused to be interviewed by the Star about his past criminal charges or his mental health problems. In December, two days before the Star published its article, Shore posted a statement on his website announcing he suffers from mental health issues and that the Star planned on publicizing some "terribly embarrassing incidents" caused by his illness. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Special program

If accepted into the program, it is possible Shore may never have to go to trial, Prutschi said, but that will be up to the Crown.

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SickKids gets large donation

The single largest private donation ever for a children's hospital in Canada — $40 million — was made Wednesday by philanthropist and business leader Peter Gilgan, founder and CEO of Mattamy Homes, at The Hospital for Sick Children. Gilgan is wearing the SickKids coat in the photo.

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Minority women still scarce at the top

Lacking in leadership roles. Women of colour account for only 2.6% of leaders in GTA businesses and government, study finds

Visible-minority women in Greater Toronto still have a long way to go if they want to pursue leadership roles in both the public and private sectors, a new study says.

According to the diversity report to be released Thursday to mark the International Women's Day, women of colour made up only 2.6 per cent of the elected officials, public-sector executives and legal-sector leaders, and in boardrooms of the corporate, voluntary and education sectors in the region.

While they fared much better in elected office and the education sector in the GTA, their representation on corporate boards and executive seats, at 0.6 per cent, was dismal, says the report by Ryerson University's Diversity Institute, part of a Community University Research Alliance project.

Using publicly available information, researchers examined female representation in seven sectors. Although women accounted for 51.3 per cent of the region's population, they made up less than one-quarter of the 4,605 leaders studied in 2011.

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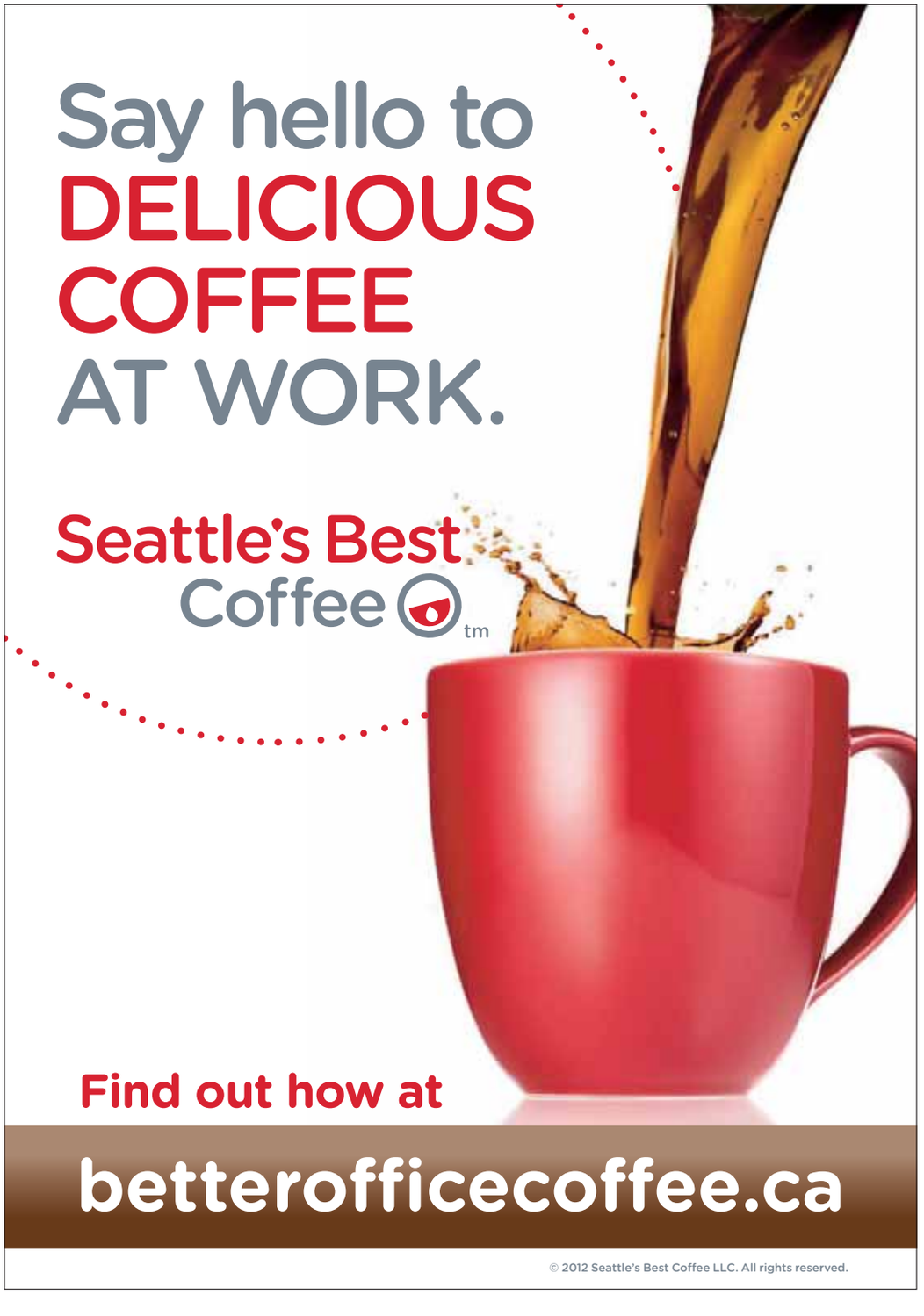

NDP interim leader Nycole Turmel

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Tories to support motion on Elections Canada powers

With a flood of political "dirty tricks" complaints pouring into Elections Canada, the federal Conservative government has reversed course and says it will now support more audit powers for the elections watchdog.

A day earlier, the NDP revealed the Conservatives had rejected in committee a recommendation by chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand for greater authority to compel documents from political parties to verify their election reports.

As official Opposition, the NDP then laid down the gauntlet.

It tabled a motion that calls for changes to be legislated within six months to allow Elections Canada to request "all necessary documents from political parties to ensure compliance with the Elections Act." It also calls for the registration of "all telecommunication companies that provide voter contact services during a general election" and for the identity of their clients during a general election to be "registered and verified."

NDP interim leader Nycole Turmel demanded to know whether the prime minister would "help us help Elections Canada" by supporting the motion, and Stephen Harper relented.

"Mr. Speaker, we have no objection to such a proposal," said Harper. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Erroneous claim

- **Last campaign.** Stephen Harper would not repeat his erroneous claim of last week that only the Liberals used U.S. calling services in the last campaign, as records show several Conservatives used U.S.-based Front Porch Strategies for teleconference town halls.

Elevator

Suspect arrested in alleged sexual assault

Toronto police have arrested a suspect after allegations a 13-year-old girl was sexually assaulted in an elevator.

Police allege it happened Feb. 22 in an apartment building on Jane Street south of Steeles Avenue in the city's north end.

A man was arrested on Tuesday.

Danny Correa, 26, of Toronto, has been charged with sexual assault.

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York Region

More charges in alleged car ramming attempt

York Regional Police have laid additional charges against a Toronto man in connection with an incident of a car being driven toward two officers.

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New study says Ontario not prepared for climate change

Ready? The cost of extreme weather is projected to be $5.6 billion a year by mid-century: environmental commissioner

The unseasonably warm weather is nice but it's a warning that climate change is coming, and Ontario is not prepared, Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller said Wednesday.

And deadly tornadoes that hit Indiana this week — an unusual occurrence so far north in winter — are a signal the province must do more to get ready for fiercer and more frequent storms, be they ice or rain, and heat waves, along with new pests in the form of insects and weeds from further south.

"On the back of our five-dollar bill is kids playing shinny on an outdoor rink," he said after delivering a 22-page report calling on the government to "climate-proof" Ontario.

"We have an infrastructure built for a climate we no longer have."

Miller faulted Premier Dalton McGuinty's minority government for gaps and weaknesses in a climate change mitigation strategy that doesn't even mention the ministry of energy, which is responsible for an electricity system that can be vulnerable to ice storms, as in the 1998 disaster.

Environment Minister Jim Bradley said the province is already making changes to building codes to make houses and offices more storm resistant and is taking other steps.

"When you're building new bridges and other structures you take into account the fact that we could see significant climate change," Bradley told reporters.

"I understand the Ontario government faces fiscal challenges right now," Miller said in a nod to the $16 billion deficit and McGuinty's warning of cost-cutting in the provincial budget to be delivered in a couple of weeks.

"But the costs of adjusting to climate change in the future will only continue to increase if we don't take action now."

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Kala Moteeyl plays guitar on a hill in Trinity Bellwoods park on a balmy afternoon Wednesday. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Letter bomber declared dangerous offender

Adel Arnaout. HANDOUT

A man convicted of 11 counts of attempted murder for sending letter bombs and poisoned water to various targets, including Toronto modelling agencies, a lawyer and a judge, has been declared a dangerous offender and sent to prison indefinitely.

Adel Arnaout, 41, has a "greatly magnified sense of his own victimhood" and significant problems with controlling his anger and revenge-oriented thinking, Superior Court Justice Todd Ducharme said Wednesday, reading his decision in court.

Arnaout continues to demonstrate a lack of empathy, remorse and a "stunning lack of insight" into the seriousness of his offences, raising "a very real concern about Mr. Arnaout engaging in similar activities in the future," Ducharme said.

The Crown brought a dangerous offender application after Ducharme convicted the Lebanese-born man of 11 attempted-murder charges in Toronto and Guelph, as well as possessing three explosive devices in the trunk of his car. Toronto police closed down the Don Valley Parkway in August 2007, en route to detonating the intercepted explosive devices.

Arnaout sat silently in court while Ducharme read his reasons, gradually slumping forward as it became increasingly clear the judge intended to grant the prosecution's request.

The judge said Arnaout continued to make notes about bomb-making while in custody waiting to be assessed, which he characterized as an innocent academic interest.

"The fact that he engaged in this behaviour and so resolutely maintains that he was justified in so doing, underscores how difficult it will be to control his risk through supervision and therapeutic intervention."

Ducharme referred to Internet searches found on Arnaout's seized computer, which included the home address of former Toronto Police chief Julian Fantino and Jewish Toronto high schools. Ducharme said the searches suggest broader interest in acts of domestic terrorism.

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High risk

The psychiatrist who assessed Arnaout concluded he remains a high risk to reoffend based on his history of self-righteousness, negative attitude and distorted thinking. Any effective therapeutic supervision would be "very difficult due to his rigidity, difficulties with disclosure, problems with authority, and his need to be in control," Superior Court Justice Todd Ducharme said.

On trial

Tweets scrutinized in webcam case

Prosecutors have turned to trying to show jurors that a former Rutgers University student accused of using a webcam to spy on his roommate's intimate encounter with another man tried to cover up his actions.

A detective told jurors Wednesday that Dharun Ravi sent a pair of Twitter messages on Sept. 22, 2010, after it was believed that his roommate, Tyler Clementi, had killed himself.

One read: "Roommate asked for room again. It's happening again. People with ichat, don't you dare videochat me from 9 to 12." The next: "Everyone ignore the last tweet. Stupid drafts."

Jurors already have heard from a string of witnesses that Ravi sent a similar message a day earlier, but instead.

That message is central to the prosecution's case that Ravi attempted to spy on Clementi on Sept. 21 and intimidated him by telling other people to watch.

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Tyler Clementi. HANDOUT

Crime

Man charged with attempted abduction

Toronto police say members of the public intervened in the attempted abduction of a 10-year-old boy. The boy was walking along King Street West near Cowan Avenue Tuesday evening when a man tried to drag him across the street. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recovered

Giant stolen chicken returns home

A giant fibreglass chicken that disappeared from a farm near Simcoe, Ont., is headed back home to its roost. Halton police say the 2.5-metre-high chicken was located Tuesday night in a backyard in Milton, west of Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tara McDonald, mother of slain Tori Stafford, is seen outside court Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tori Stafford's mother takes the stand

Murder trial. Mom says drug purchase connected her with woman convicted in daughter's death

The mother of Victoria Stafford says she had met the woman convicted of first-degree murder in her daughter's death twice before.

Tara McDonald told a London jury Wednesday that she and her boyfriend bought OxyContin illegally from Terri-Lynne McClintic's mother.

McDonald says she had gone to the house twice and saw McClintic once in passing, and a second time when the then 18-year-old woman seemed "under the influence" and likely didn't notice she was there.

The testimony comes at the trial of Michael Rafferty — McClintic's boyfriend when Tori disappeared — who has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, among other charges, in the death of eight-year-old Tori.

McClintic pleaded guilty in April 2010 to first-degree murder in Tori's death.

McDonald told court that she and McClintic's mother had discussed breeding their shih tzus but that McClintic had never met Tori.

Earlier Wednesday the jury got a sense of the massive scale of the effort to find the Grade 3 student and solve her murder.

From the time Tori went missing outside her Woodstock elementary school in April 2009 to the current trial, the investigation has involved more than 900 police officers and thousands of pieces of evidence, court heard.

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Case file

- **The Charges.** Michael Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping in Tori's death.
- **What Happened.** Tori went missing on April 8, 2009, outside her school and though her remains weren't found for three months, the Crown alleges the girl was killed the same day.

Brazil

Pay women less and pay the fine

Brazil's Congress has passed a bill fining companies paying women lower wages than men. The measure will be signed into law by Brazil's first female president, Dilma Rousseff.

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Manitoba

Cocaine hidden in baby's clothing

A northern Manitoba woman faces drug charges after police found three grams of cocaine hidden in her baby granddaughter's clothing.

"It was just in a pocket ... in the parka," said Sgt. Del Byron of the RCMP in God's Lake Narrows. "Wrapped in tape, a small package."

Police say the 39-year-old woman and the 15-month-old girl had just arrived at the community airport from Winnipeg.

Byron wouldn't say what led officers to search the child.

The little girl was fine and remained calm the whole time, he said.

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British Columbia

SPCA questions amendments

The head of the SPCA in B.C. says amendments to provincial animal-cruelty legislation will make it harder to rescue animals and bring abusers to justice, saying all it does is add more bureaucracy.

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Technology

T.O. firm featured in documentary

Guardly, a Toronto-based startup company, gets a major close-up in the new documentary, Ctrl+Alt+Compete, a film focusing on the trials and tribulations of entrepreneurs hoping to wow the web. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Missouri

Charges dropped against family

A U.S. prosecutor is dismissing all charges against five men accused of sexually molesting young relatives more than 20 years ago. Six family members were arrested in November 2009.

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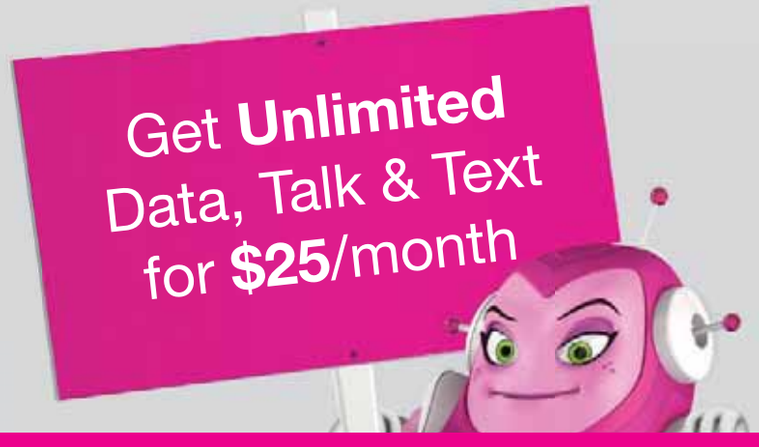

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FLU WATCH

About 10 to 25 per cent of Canadians get the flu each season, while the average Canadian deals with three to four colds every year.

Immunization is the best protection against the flu, and the best time to be immunized in Canada is right now, says Dr. Bonnie Henry, medical director, Communicable Disease Prevention Service, B.C. Centre for Disease Control, Vancouver. Pretty well everyone is encouraged to get a flu shot including pregnant women and children under two. Speak to your doctor for more information.

To keep track of the spread of flu and flu-like illnesses, bookmark Public Health Agency of Canada's Flu Watch phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/. So far, only sporadic influenza activity has been reported. But there has been an increase in detections of cold viruses.

HAND HYGIENE KEY

How many times did you wash your hands today?

If it's fewer than five times, your risk for catching a cold or flu virus goes up, according to Dr. Bonnie Henry, medical director, Communicable Disease Prevention Service at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

With cold and flu season in Canada gearing up and not peaking until early 2012, it's important to do everything you can to avoid the viruses that cause colds and flu.

"We know that people who wash or clean their hands five times a day are less likely to get colds and flus," says Henry.

Most respiratory viruses spread by coughing, but they can also spread indirectly when people cough into their hands and then touch objects. A virus can survive on commonly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, countertops, faucets and toys — popular places young children put their little hands on every day. Kids aren't always as careful with their hygiene as adults — they drop toys, play on the floor, and put their hands in their mouths. Using a product like Mr. Clean with Febreze freshness Disinfectant Liquid can help. It is not only formulated to kill the flu virus (influenza A2) when used as directed, but it also leaves a fresh, pleasant scent behind.

"Viruses can stay alive for 24 to 48 hours," says Donna Wiens, president of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA) and an RN and infection control specialist. "So the next person that comes along and turns the doorknob or uses the telephone, is at risk.

"We're big promoters of hand hygiene, cough etiquette (such as covering your mouth when you cough), influenza immunization, and staying home if you're sick. And none of those stand on their own — they all go together."

The other important message: it's everyone's responsibility to do everything possible to avoid spreading germs.

– Ylva Van Buuren

GET WELL SOON

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The average child will get between eight and 12 cold or flu viruses a year, while adults typically get six to eight. The bad news? There's no cure.

"You can't take antibiotics for a virus," says Dr. Jonathan Kerr, a spokesperson for The College of Family Physicians of Canada. "But your body will heal itself in five to 14 days, depending on how severe the virus is."

To get well soon, Kerr recommends following these doctor's orders:

GET PLENTY OF REST If you sleep for a day or two when you first get sick, the world won't stop revolving — and it could help you feel better faster. "I ask my patients how well they're really functioning when they feel miserable," says Kerr. "The body will heal itself if you do the right things, but you have to be patient. It could take a week or two before you feel completely well again."

REPLACE LOST FLUIDS If you're vomiting and sweating or you have diarrhea, drink lots of water or other non-caffeinated beverages such as juice and herbal tea. Homemade chicken soup is great too. "If someone who cares about you made it, there's a psychological component that will make you feel better," says Kerr. "Plus it's mostly fluid, and the protein in the chicken will give you some strength." Since ginger has anti-nausea properties, sipping cold or warm flat ginger ale may ease stomach upset.

SEEK OVER-THE-COUNTER RELIEF A pharmacist can help you choose a product to ease a cough, a runny or stuffy nose or muscle aches. Want to try a supplement? Go ahead — some small studies have shown that zinc and echinacea may lessen a virus' duration by half a day if you take them when symptoms start. "If you take the proper dosage, it won't hurt and it might help," says Kerr.

– Jane Doucet

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IS IT A COLD OR FLU?

Cold symptoms include sneezing, runny nose and congestion as well as headache, cough and sore throat. Fever is the hallmark difference, says Wiens. If you have the flu, you may have fever as well as severe body aches and muscle aches.

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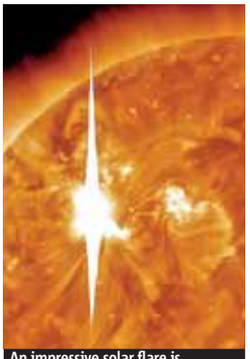

An impressive solar flare is heading toward Earth. NASA HANDOUT

The largest solar storm in five years is racing toward Earth, threatening to unleash a torrent of charged particles that could disrupt power grids, GPS and airplane flights.

The sun erupted Tuesday evening, and the effects should start smacking Earth between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. EST Thursday, according to forecasters at the federal government's Space Weather Prediction Center. They say the storm, which started with a massive solar flare, is growing as it speeds outward from the sun.

"It's hitting us right in the nose," said Joe Kunches, a scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He called it the sun's version of "Super Tuesday."

Scientists say the sun has been relatively quiet for some time. And this storm, while strong, may seem fiercer because Earth has been lulled by several years of weak solar activity.

"This is a good-size event, but not the extreme type," said Bill Murtagh, program coordinator for the space weather centre.

The solar storm is likely to last through Friday morning, but the region that erupted can still send more blasts our way, Kunches said. He said another set of active sunspots is ready to aim at Earth right after this.

The storm is coming after an earlier and weaker solar eruption happened Sunday, Kunches said. The latest blast of particles will probably arrive slightly later than forecasters first thought.

That means for North America the "good" part of a solar storm — the one that creates more noticeable auroras or Northern Lights — will peak Thursday evening. Auroras could dip as far south as the Great Lakes states or lower, Kunches said, but a full moon will make them harder to see. Auroras are "probably the treat we get when the sun erupts," he said.

But there is potential for widespread problems. Solar storms have three ways they can disrupt technology on Earth: with magnetic, radio and radiation emissions. This is an unusual situation when all three types of solar storm disruptions are likely to be strong, Kunches said.

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'Hippy' model fights back

Canadian-born Ananda Marchildon, the Dutch model who won the television show Holland's Next Top Model, has won a lawsuit against the Elite model agency after she was dropped for having hips that were supposedly too large. The Amsterdam District Court ruled that Marchildon, 25, was entitled to the $98,000 contract that she won in the 2008 production of the show. SLOGGI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Research progress

Scientists zero in on 'God particle'

Two teams of physicists are getting closer in the search for the "God particle" of physics that would help explain the fundamentals of the universe. In the hunt for the Higgs boson, they have come up with similar findings to those announced late last year by researchers in Europe. While they have not found the elusive particle, they have narrowed the area where it can be found, if it exists.

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Cheeky clothing

Irish ire on apparel

Urban Outfitters continues to push the envelope in marketing with a selection of St. Patrick's Day merchandise that stereotypes the country's natives as drinkers.

New York congressman Joe Crowley, co-chair of the legislature's ad hoc committee on Irish affairs, has asked Urban Outfitters CEO Tedford Marlow to pull the merchandise.

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Atomic energy agency

Iran cleaning up its secret nuclear act, diplomats say

Satellite images of an Iranian military facility appear to show trucks and earth-moving vehicles at the site, indicating an attempted cleanup of radioactive traces possibly left by tests of a nuclear-weapon trigger, diplomats told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The assertions from the diplomats, all nuclear experts accredited to the International Atomic Energy Agency, could add to the growing international pressure on Iran over its nuclear program, which Tehran insists is for peaceful purposes.

While the U.S. and the EU are backing a sanctions-heavy approach, Israel has warned that it may resort to a pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear facilities to prevent it from obtaining atomic weapons.

Two of the diplomats said the crews at the Parchin military site may be trying to erase evidence of tests of a small experimental neutron device used to set off a nuclear explosion. A third diplomat could not confirm that but said any attempt to trigger a so-called neutron initiator could only be in the context of trying to develop nuclear arms.

Facilities within Parchin, in Iran, that are possibly involved in nuclear weapons research. GETTY IMAGES

The diplomats said they suspect attempts at sanitization because some of the vehicles at the scene appeared to be haulage trucks and other equipment suited to carting off potentially contaminated soil from the site.

The images, provided by member countries to the IAEA, the UN's nuclear watchdog, are recent and constantly updated, one of the diplomats said. The diplomats all asked for anonymity to discuss sensitive information.

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Web war on warlord puts off advocate

Kony 2012. YouTube campaign polarizes African community

A human-rights campaign has gone viral on the web, touching off millions of YouTube hits, trending throughout the world on Twitter and inviting thousands to join the movement on Facebook.

Invisible Children's Kony 2012 campaign "aims to make Joseph Kony famous, not to celebrate him, but to raise support for his arrest and set a precedent for international justice."

Filmmaker Jason Russell released a 30-minute documentary on YouTube Tuesday about Kony, a Ugandan warlord who has been indicted for war crimes by the International Criminal Court.

The film begins with the story of Jacob, a Ugandan boy who describes the death of his brother and fears of being abducted by Kony's Lord's Resistance Army.

"We worry, when the rebels arrest us again then they will kill us," Jacob says.

"We are also going to do everything that we can to stop them. Do you hear my words?" Russell says to the boy.

Kony has been fighting against the Ugandan government since 1986. While the campaign is resonating in the west, it has polarized the African community.

"We are opposed to Jason Russell's film about Kony," said Kemi Omololu-Olunloyo, a community advocate in Toronto who comes from Nigeria. "This should be about child soldiers and not just in Uganda — it's a problem across the world, even kids killing kids in Canada.

"And there's something off about the monetization of this."

Invisible Children is accepting donations and selling Kony paraphernalia such as red bracelets for $10.

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'Causing problems in Uganda for almost 20 years'

- **Despite the social media phenomenon that is sweeping across the web, the documentary hasn't made much of an impact in Uganda yet.**
- **"Very few people have seen it here," said Jeff Anguyo in Kampala.** "It's not really news here. We know what Kony's been doing for decades.
- "He has been **causing problems in Uganda for almost 20 years, and what he's done is horrible.** A whole generation of kids got destroyed because they did not go to school and were used as soldiers. And now many have grown up to become men and fight beside him."

Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A woman pleads with members of the police

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and army not to shoot after they opened fire on protesters as a peace march turned violent in Lira, northen Uganda, in this 2004 file photo. KAREL PRINSLOO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twins. Double death of reclusive U.S. sisters a mystery for police

Patricia and Joan Miller were identical twins who pursued their dreams together. As a team, the Miller sisters met Bing Crosby, appeared on a TV show in the 1950s and bought a house in California's picturesque South Lake Tahoe.

Their shared life ended in a mysterious double death at their home last week. One body was in a downstairs bedroom, and the other was in the hallway just outside. They were 73.

There was no blood, no signs of struggle. Nothing indicated that the women had persistent health troubles. Their longtime home was not unkempt, a likely sign of mental or physical illness.

It was as if the two sisters, long each other's only companion, could not live without each other, said Det. Matt Harwood with the El Dorado County sheriff's office.

"My perception is one died and the other couldn't handle it," said Harwood, who has been unable to find any close friends or family members of the twins. "It appears purely natural, but we are still trying to piece it all together."

Police usually do not release the names of the dead without first informing their relatives, but the sisters' shrouded lives made that impossible, Harwood said.

Twin sisters Patricia and Joan Miller in an undated photo. EL DORADO COUNTY SHERIFFS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Never married and without children or pets, the Miller sisters had long withdrawn into the four-bedroom home they bought in 1976.

"The circumstance surrounding their death is somewhat of an enigma," Harwood said. "These two only ever had each other, and we would like, at least for their sake, to notify their family." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Immigraton system. Minister wants better immigrant-job match

Major changes to the immigration system could include erasing a massive backlog of applications, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

He said all options are on the table when it comes to modernizing the process of bringing in would-be immigrants.

"We must have transformational change to move to an immigration program that works for Canada and for newcomers," he said in a speech to the Economic Club of Canada.

He said the changes, which will roll out over the course of 2012, will include one to give the provinces the ability to cherry-pick the immigrants they want.

For now, a pilot program will allow provinces and territories to accept an additional 1,500 immigrants a year if they select them from an existing backlog of skilled-worker applications.

Minister Kenney said the government also needs to be more proactive when it comes to communicating with potential applicants about different routes into Canada.

But NDP Immigration critic Don Davies says while it's important to match immigrants with economic needs, there needs to be a more holistic approach to the issue.

"Immigration deals with people, it deals with families and human beings," Davies said. "It's not just treating people like economic widgets in a machine that we can ruthlessly bring into our country."

Kenney said that wouldn't be the point of allowing more matching between jobs and immigrants.

"It's not about privatizing the immigration system, it's about a more active role of recruitment for people so they have jobs when they show up," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clogged system

There is currently a backlog of over a million applications, including as many as 460,000 in the skilled-worker category.

- **Long process.** Officials told the committee that, without changes to the system, the backlog won't be eliminated until 2017.

Canadians spark passion for the Earth

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of Earth Hour, WWF Canada is calling on Canadians to help write Canada's first crowd-sourced song – the Team Earth Hour Anthem. Write a song lyric expressing your love for the planet and why it's important that we protect it, in 140 characters or less, and submit entries on WWF's Facebook page, wwf.ca/earthhouranthem. The submissions will be voted on by the public and the song will be assembled from the top-ranked lyrics. COURTESY OF JEREMIAH ARMSTRONG/WWF-CANADA

Brutal attack

Yemen slaughter

Al-Qaida took responsibility for an assault that left almost 200 soldiers dead in the deadliest defeat the army has faced in its campaign against the militant movement in the south.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toy title

Winning model

Habitat 67, a Montreal landmark, has won an international competition among Lego enthusiasts. Lego has said that it would consider creating a toy set inspired by the entry.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Disease trend

Sick Alaska seals

Wildlife officials say a sick ringed seal that was captured in southeast Alaska last week appears to be afflicted by the same symptoms suffered last year by seals along northern coastlines.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accident verdict

Crash findings

A report by New Zealand investigators on how a cargo ship ran aground on a reef last year paints a picture of a crew trying to take short cuts in order to stay on schedule.
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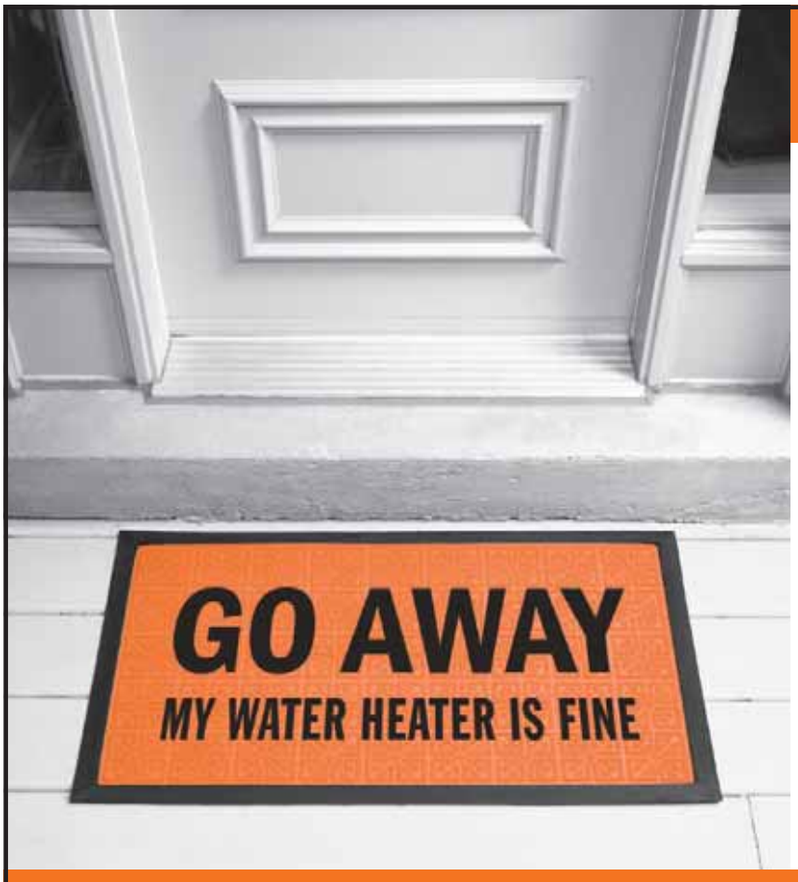

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All in a day's work for Cairo's fare lady

Taxi-turvey. Woman cab driver is breaking Egypt's gender barrier, one fare at a time

It has all the trappings of a Cairo taxi. The radio is usually tuned to legendary singer Umm Kulthoum, a favourite among cabbies. On the dashboard is a pack of Marlboro cigarettes.

But Nadia Abdel-Gaber frequently gets double-takes from customers who hail her cab. "First thing anyone ever says to me, always, is 'How strange that a woman is driving a taxi,'" said Abdel-Gaber, who is one of just a handful of woman taxi drivers in Egypt.

Driving a cab is considered a man's occupation in the conservative country. But Abdel-Gaber — a 40-something single mother of three teenagers, whose husband abandoned the family — says she needs and likes the work.

"Instead of relying on others, I can work and spend on my children's tutoring and food and outings with their friends," she said.

She selects her customers, passing on young men who might harass her. She never goes to the outskirts of Cairo, and she rarely works at night. But being a woman has perks: She has a roster of female customers who call on her, more comfortable being stuck in traffic with a woman behind the wheel. And she's carved out a place for herself in a man's world.

"Look, job opportunities are hard, so as women we need to see what we can do and just go down and do it," said Abdel-Gaber, a smile rarely leaving her face. "Stop being afraid." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nadia Abdel-Gaber sits in her taxi during a traffic jam in Cairo.
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Foot in mouth

French PM seeks to quell halal-kosher uproar

The French prime minister is scrambling to dispel concerns among France's Jews and Muslims over critical comments he made about the ritual slaughter of animals for kosher and halal meat.

Francois Fillon had called for religions to "reflect" upon these traditions. On Wednesday he assured Jewish leaders that Judaism wasn't targeted, and was planning to say the same thing to Muslim leaders on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

War-crimes trial

Serb could face lengthy sentence

UN prosecutors in The Hague demanded a 28-year prison sentence Wednesday for a Serbian ultranationalist accused of recruiting brutal paramilitary groups and using hate-laced speeches to incite them to commit atrocities in the Balkan wars of the early 1990s.

Vojislav Seselj, whose Serbian Radical Party still holds 57 of the Serbian parliament's 250 seats, has already been jailed at the Yugoslav war-crimes tribunal for nine years, but has repeatedly obstructed attempts to try him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

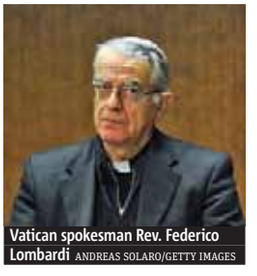
Anonymous crashes Vatican website

Members of the amorphous hacking group Anonymous claimed Wednesday to have taken down the Vatican website to protest everything from Catholic doctrine to the sexual abuse of children.

The site, vatican.va, was inaccessible for much of Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Rev. Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, confirmed the attack but would not comment on its possible source. He said he didn't know how long it would take Vatican technicians to bring the site back up.

On what claims to be the "official" site of Anonymous in Italy, a statement posted Wednesday said the group was attacking the Vatican to protest the execution of heretics and the burning of books during the Inquisition and, more recently, the sexual abuse of children by priests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Race still open despite big Romney lead

Republican primaries. Obama's approval ratings on the rise as Republicans continue to battle it out for the nomination

Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney won in six of 10 Super Tuesday states but managed only the narrowest victory over rival Rick Santorum in all-important Ohio, an outcome that leaves open the contest for the nomination to challenge President Barack Obama.

Santorum, the former senator, captured three states and Newt Gingrich, the former speaker of the House of Representatives, notched a victory in Georgia, the state he represented in Congress for nearly two decades.

Rallying for Romney

Romney is "the only candidate in this race who's got a plan to turn this economy around."

Republican Eric Cantor, majority leader, House of Representatives

The mixed results in the 10 state contests held on Tuesday suggest that Romney, despite padding his lead in the tally of delegates who will pick the nominee this summer, is still struggling to win over the Republican party's most conservative elements.

In the aftermath of the Tuesday vote, Obama campaign manager Jim Messina, in a conference call with reporters, said Romney was "limping across the finish line" in primary states.

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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks during a Super Tuesday event in Boston. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

Facebook can be good indicator of job success

Facebook is already an established screening tool for hiring managers — but new research shows the social network can also be an indicator for job success.

It reveals a 10-minute sift through a Facebook profile can predict how a job candidate will perform in the workplace more accurately than a personality-assessment test.

The recent study published in the Journal of Applied Social Psychology, had a university professor and two students go through the Facebook profiles of 274 employed college students for 10 minutes.

They were asked to answer questions like: "How emotionally stable is this person?" and "Is this person dependable?"

When compared to job-performance reviews, the researchers found the Facebook scores were more accurate in predicting success than personality tests in areas like conscientiousness, emotional stability, agreeableness, extraversion and openness to experience.

What did the "raters" like on Facebook? People who travel and enjoy new experiences, people with lots of hobbies and creative interests and those with lots of friends, many interactions and a sense of humour. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Beacon after the blast

A statue of the Virgin Mary is all that remains of a church after a series of deadly explosions at a munitions depot devastated neighbourhoods in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, on Wednesday. The explosions killed at least 246 people. RUKMINI CALLIMACHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apple TV

iCloud to ease movie watching

Apple is making it easier for people who buy movies through iTunes to play them on the various devices.

Apple said Wednesday that customers can now save some movies on its iCloud remote- storage service. That system lets devices such as the iPad and the iPhone retrieve content wirelessly. Before, if you bought a movie on one device to play on another, you needed to connect both to a personal computer with a physical cord. This means people will be able to watch purchased movies on an improved Apple TV set-top box going on sale next week.

That development should allay frustration consumers have had with digital movie purchases, which could be bought on iPads and iPhones, but couldn't be stored on the Apple TV device because it has no hard drive.

Previously, Apple's iCloud saved only users' songs, photos and documents on its computer servers.

The device will now be able to play movies in the "1080p" format, the highest-resolution video standard in common use. Previously, Apple TV could only play back movies in "720p."

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It may look like an iPad 2 but it's different — really

New features.
Enhanced graphics, faster processor and upgraded camera

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Every time Apple hints at releasing a new product the rumours begin to swirl. Speculation on what will be announced and the latest features are inevitable. Some of the rumours turn out to be true, some of them wrong. In the case of the new iPad, the media nailed it.

The new iPad (yes, it's just being called iPad not the iPad 3 or iPad HD) looks and feels much like the iPad 2. It's 0.6 mm thicker and 51 grams heavier. It's hardly noticeable. The easiest way to tell if you're were holding the latest model is by looking at the screen.

Apple calls it the Retina display, because it's nearly impossible to pick out individual pixels with the naked eye. The new iPad has four times the number of pixels than the iPad 2, with 264 pixels per square inch. To put this into perspective, it has one million more pixels than the high definition in your living room. Text is much clearer and easier to read. Graphics also look smooth and polished.

The enhanced graphics are made possible by Apple's new A5X processor. The new chip allows for quad-core graphics, double the performance of the iPad 2. Those who love to play games, especially those with demanding high-end graphics, will see the value in this new chip. Epic Games, which is known for the graphic intensive Infinity Blade series, showed off Infinity Blade: Dungeon which looked quite stunning.

One of my biggest disappointments with the iPad 2 was the camera quality. Apple says it has listened to customer feedback and has decided to change the cameras. The rear of the new iPad will feature a new five-megapixel iSight camera with auto focus, face detection and auto white balance. It will also have the ability to record 1080p HD video at 30 frames per second. The front camera remains VGA quality which may disappoint some.

Finally, the last feature is the one most users will be excited for; the ability to download and surf the web faster than ever. The latest iPad will not only feature WiFi as previous models but for the first time it will support 4G and LTE. Rogers, Bell and Telus will no doubt welcome the latest iPad on their new high speed networks which are lighting up across the country.

The new iPad will be available starting March 16th starting at $519.

Apple CEO Tim Cook introduces the new iPad during an event in San Francisco on Wednesday. The new iPad features a sharper screen and a faster processor.

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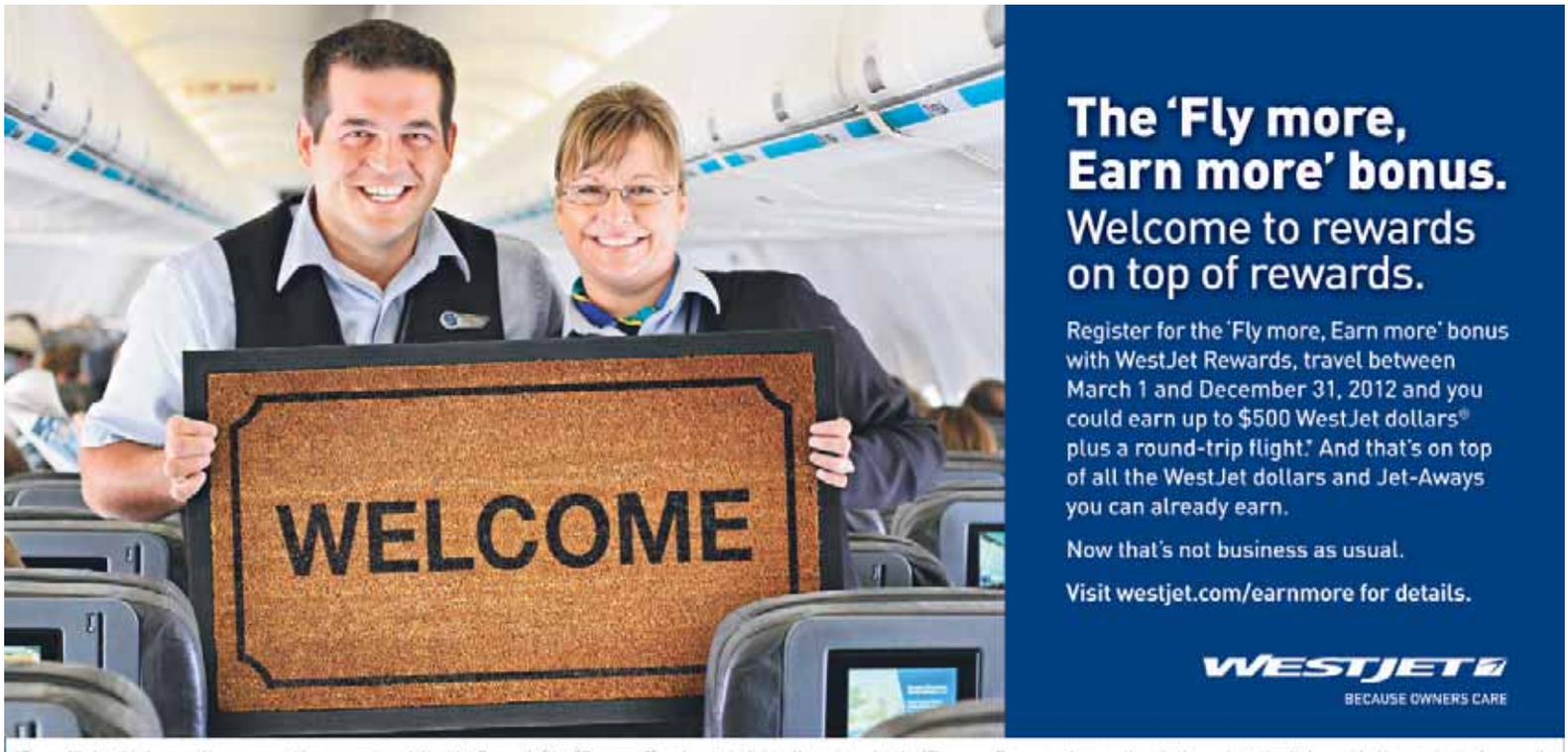
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Porky the Waste Hater, left, Canadian Taxpayers Federation federal director Gregory Thomas and Catherine Briere present the 14th annual Teddy Waste Awards on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Group gives out 'awards' for waste

Government spending. Agriculture Canada comes under fire for program aimed at reducing tobacco farming across the country

A federal program that spent millions paying farmers to get out of the tobacco business only to see their numbers rise is this year's winner of a government waste award.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation gave its annual worst-of-government waste award to Agriculture Canada for its 2008-2009 $284-million tobacco-transition program, which the auditor general found increased the number of tobacco farmers, rather than reduce it.

"More than half the 1,000 recipients of fat federal cheques were not actually active tobacco farmers," federation director Gregory Thomas said.

Some farmers ended up taking money to get out of the business, then shifted their land and equipment to relatives who kept on growing tobacco.

Tobacco production doubled the next year, the auditor general found in a report last year.

A spokeswoman for the minister of agriculture said the program is under review.

"This program's parameters include an audit to ensure that provincial tobacco licences have not been issued to participants," Meagan Murdoch said in an email.

"If the audit shows that any recipients violated any of these terms and conditions, they will be forced to repay the full amount with interest."

It's the 14th year that the federation has handed out the awards, nicknamed the Teddies after a bureaucrat infamous for extravagant expense claims.

The awards are gilded pig statuettes, awarded in four categories: municipal waste, provincial waste, federal waste and lifetime achievement.

Alberta won the provincial award for paying politicians to serve on a committee that hasn't met in years.

The taxpayers federation says politicians in the province get paid an additional $1,000 to sit on legislative committees and pointed out that one committee, which has 21 members, hasn't met since 2008.

Montreal was the municipal winner for snowplows caught on camera clearing snow-free sidewalks. The video went viral on YouTube, receiving almost 400,000 views.

Former Bloc Quebecois leader Gilles Duceppe took the lifetime achievement award for allegedly billing taxpayers for partisan political activities.

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Tech troubles

RIM results likely to fall short: BMO

Research In Motion's earnings are likely to fall short of expectations in the coming quarters as the BlackBerry maker moves towards the launch of its new devices late in the year, according to an analyst at BMO Nesbitt Burns.

The capital markets division of the Bank of Montreal scaled back earnings estimates for RIM on Wednesday, adding to a growing number of analysts who project further troubles for the Waterloo, Ont.-based company.

Tim Long of BMO said in a note to clients that he doesn't expect RIM to unveil the next-generation BlackBerry 10 series until the November quarter, and that the lingering uncertainty of the exact timing could keep customers on the sidelines waiting for the new product.

Long cut his price target for RIM to $12 US for its U.S. shares, which is $3 lower than his previous estimate.

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TRAVELLING AMONG THE BLUFFS

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Backpackers must never show weakness.

When trekking through foreign lands, as I plan to in September, you must make it clear to fellow adventurers that you have travelled much farther, experienced far more and appreciated it all on a far deeper level than they could ever know.

Furthermore, you must make it clear that, though your experiences would thrill and delight the average middle-of-the-pack backpacker, to you it was a bit of a bore.

If a fellow traveller saw the village church, you went inside and had a spiritual moment. If he went bungee jumping, you went skydiving. If he climbed Mount Everest, you reached the summit with a really tall Sherpa and then stood on his shoulders.

Of course, we're all bluffing, and couldn't imagine a weekend without beer, let alone a few days without water. But all backpackers do this. It's just the way things are done.

It's been several years since I went backpacking, but these primal truths came rushing back to me this week as a salesman showed me some of the camping gear I'd need.

Immediately, instinctively, I began bluffing. The salesman said, "This is a Hybrid EC tent with bulfable tarmac eco-stretch and composite MoldProtect fibre, of course." And I said, "Of course," furrowing my brow in a way that I hoped conveyed world-class knowledge of tent construction, when I was actually thinking, "How come people only say 'of course' when you have no idea what they're talking about?"

If I'd shown my ignorance, I could have lost my backpacker cred, had my hostel card ripped up and been stripped of my blister strips.

I know it makes me seem like a fool, but it's the same in hostels worldwide. So don't feel guilty, fellow bluffers.

Condescending tone aside ...

If we were to talk about how scared we were on our journeys, or how ill-prepared, or how we really just spent the last week going to bars, ogling women and demonstrating the medicinal powers of cheap whiskey, well, the whole backpacking system would fall apart.

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We'd lose the sense of competition. The lure of travel would cease. And, before long, we'd all be staying home.

Potential backpackers would instead be stuck going to neighbourhood bars, ogling women and drinking whiskey. And, let's face it, that's really kind of pathetic.

So remember, the important thing is to share your stories and listen to your fellow travellers, speaking in a condescending tone one might use with a clever dog. "Oh, you went THERE. Good for YOU. That's really GREAT."

And, barring that, just remember the greatest travel quote ever, as penned by novelist Robert L. Coburg. I'd rehash it here, but you know what it is. Of course.

One unwritten rule of the backpackers' road: bluff. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The female Arnolds

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The women

Online buzz for bodybuilders

NEW YORK. German-born, N.Y.C.-based photographer Martin Schoeller shot the ladies of the Olympia bodybuilding competitions years ago, for a book.

But this week, they went viral. "I wanted to get behind the bodybuilder's mask, behind the profession and bring out the person beneath everything," he says. **MWN**

Generating

"These were women who loved what they were doing, and they were willing to work at it."
Martin Schoeller
N.Y.C.-based photographer

Online

Why people forwarded it ...

NEW YORK. Hot aggregation sites like buzzfeed.com are on constant lookout for photo essays of the weird and wonderful.

These photos got thousands of hits there and on the Huffington Post for the same reason Schoeller started the project. "I thought to myself, 'Why would anyone possibly want to look like that?'" he says. **MWN**

Criticism

... and why people got mean

NEW YORK. Though Schoeller is grateful that the project is getting attention almost four years after publication, he was especially shocked by negative comments online.

"People were hateful to these women. I knew there would be controversy, but I didn't expect that. Our notions of what is beautiful are so narrow." **MWN**

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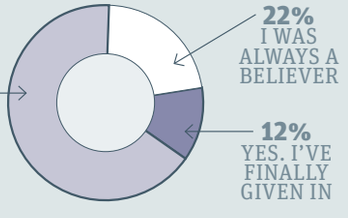

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@TomCParkin: Apparently Stephen Harper was just thinking about giving more powers to Elections Canada ... NDP just beat him by a heartbeat. #cdnpoli

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Get ready, Toronto fanboys: Comicon is coming to town

Toronto Comicon.
Annual event brings together the worlds of comics, sci-fi, horror and anime

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This city has more comic cons than a super villain has lives, but that hasn't stopped Hobby Star Marketing, the folks behind Fan Expo, from launching a new one just in time for spring break.

The first Toronto Comicon runs this weekend, bringing together the worlds of comics, sci-fi, horror and anime under the roof of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

But instead of flopping around the convention floor with the teeming hordes of fanboys (and girls), why not actually take part in the creative process? That's the goal of Artist Alley, where aspiring creators can peddle their wares to industry insiders.

"Some conventions have not just writers and artists, they might have reps from publishers," says Leonard Kirk, a 19-year veteran currently working at Marvel. "You're bound to find somebody who will look at the material."

There are several things to keep in mind when presenting your portfolio, he says. Keep it simple. Half a dozen pages of your best work are all that's necessary. Being polite is also important. If an artist doesn't have time, move on.

Artistic ability surprisingly is not the most important qualification. "Artistic qualities can be learned and worked on," says Kirk.

Instead, storytelling is the No. 1 feature the pros are looking for. "My main goal for myself is to draw the story in such a way that the reader can get the gist without any of the dialogue."

Anyone thinking they'll get rich from drawing comics is in for a rude awakening — the industry is a lot smaller than it was during its '90s resurgence. The goal for any artist, says Kirk, should simply be to get original ideas out into the world.

Edward Furlong in The Terminator, and what he looks like today (inset). HANDOUT

Why does Toronto need another comic con?

Toronto Comicon takes place March 10-11 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building. Tickets are $20-$30.

- **So why does Toronto need another fan convention?** Technically, Toronto Comicon isn't new — it's just replaced the anime convention Hobby Star Marketing previously held over spring break.
- **Fan culture has splintered rather than diversified, says James Armstrong, event coordinator for Hobby Star.** Anime tends to appeal to younger fans, leading to a quicker turnover.
- **The company has brought elements of comics, anime, horror and sci-fi fandom under one roof.** "I don't think it matters what you're into," says Armstrong. "We have something for everybody."

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In brief

Bieber's mom gets book deal

Justin Bieber's mom is going to get the chance to tell her version of the story of her son's rise to pop superstardom. Pattie Mallette has signed a deal with Revell Books to publish her memoir. Nowhere But Up: The Story of Justin Bieber's Mom is slated for release Sept. 18, and will include a foreward written by Bieber himself.
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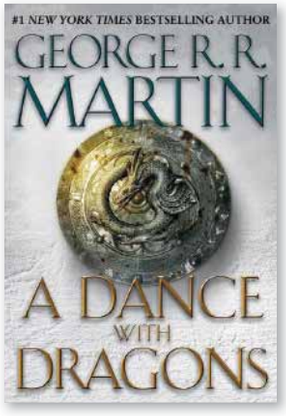

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TV network to air pro-Palin doc to get some attention

Television drama.
ReelzChannel says it is airing Palin movie for attention, not as political endorsement

Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin.
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The ReelzChannel television network says it scheduled a pro-Sarah Palin documentary on the same weekend as HBO's Game Change debut strictly for business considerations, not political ones.

The Undefeated, a Palin documentary by conservative filmmaker Stephen K. Bannon, will have its television premiere on Sunday. It will come 23 hours after HBO opens Game Change, based on the 2008 campaign book by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann, and starring Julianne Moore as Palin.

Stan Hubbard, ReelzChannel CEO, said he licensed The Undefeated for the same reason that his network aired The Kennedys miniseries last spring after it was dropped by the History Channel — to draw attention to a nearly six-year-old network with a low public profile. ReelzChannel is in 62 million homes, a little more than half the country.

"For a young network, public relations is important to us, which is why we hunt for opportunistic things," Hubbard said.

Hubbard said he found the former Alaska governor and 2008 GOP vice-presidential candidate a fascinating figure, but he wasn't trying to lionize her. "If HBO wanted to swap movies this weekend, I'd do that in a second."

Palin supporters have attacked Game Change, although it's unclear whether any of them has seen it in advance. The Undefeated maker Bannon called it a "fictionalized hit-piece" and has praised ReelzChannel's "courageous" decision to air his movie.

Game Change strives for a balanced portrait, showing Palin overwhelmed at times after being thrust onto the presidential ticket and lashing out at some McCain aides but connecting with audiences and performing on big stages better than many critics and supporters expected.

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Fran Drescher's real life inspires oddball sitcom

Happily Divorced. Series based on comedian's offscreen divorce to Hollywood ex-husband

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News in New York

In the penultimate episode of Happily Divorced last season, Fran Drescher's character sleeps with her ex-husband, who in the pilot episode came out of the closet. As the series is based on Drescher's own life, we had to ask: was that rendezvous inspired by true events?

"No, once we divorced we never got drunk and had sex," she says of her ex, Peter Marc Jacobson, adding her trademark laugh.

Though their romantic relationship ended after 21 years of marriage, the two, who co-created The Nanny, still maintain a bond and are now working together on the second season of Happily Divorced, which premiered its new season this week. Drescher tells Metro that we'll see her character, also named Fran, finding herself "more and more as an independent single woman" and also get introduced to some secondary characters.

"We're gonna meet some of [the character] Peter's family," Drescher says. "Peter's got a brother, [which] was how I actually met my ex — I met the brother first, and we were supposed to go out and then he couldn't go, so he asked if Peter could take me on the date. And then Peter and I ended up falling in love. But now, all these years later, Peter comes out to his brother, and his brother's now divorced, and we're divorced, so he asks me out on a date [on the show]." Drescher says we'll also meet Fran's parents, as well as see more of her friend Judi: "she's got a lot more to do in this season."

And while the show is a comedy, deeper feelings are at the crux of it.

"The shows themselves are coming out so good and so funny and so full of pathos and healing and laughter," Drescher says of the series' cathartic qualities. "We're very proud of this second season."

No canned laughs

Fran Drescher takes a unique approach to her sitcom, Happily Divorced.

- **Like The Nanny,** Happily Divorced is filmed in front of a live studio audience. Drescher wouldn't have it any other way.
- **"I think with a comedy,** it's nice to hear the laughs. It helps bring the energy up," Drescher says. "You feel the energy of the audience and their laughter. And that really helps the show have a performance level that seems to work well and get the home viewers energized."

Fran Drescher GETTY IMAGES

TV. GCB brings Southern sass and big hair to the small screen

AMBER RAY
Metro World News in New York

Leslie Bibb HANDOUT PHOTO

Despite the saying, you can go home again — especially if your swindling financier husband dies in a freak accident with his mistress, leaving you with absolutely nothing. In that case, things are different.

Really different, actually, as former mean girl Amanda Vaughn learns when she moves with her kids into the house of her Dallas socialite mother in the new soap "GCB," which premiered Sunday night on CTV.

Played with plucky resolve by Leslie Bibb, Amanda finds the queen bee crown she once wore usurped by a former rival (Kristin Chenoweth), who is now hell-bent on exacting revenge.

"She was pretty horrific," Bibb says of her character. "High school is … like a shark tank. She's now looking at everything being slapped in her face, [people] saying, 'You were awful. You did this. You did this.' So it's a constant realization of what she used to be."

How Amanda will convince her former classmates that she's changed in the last 20 years is where the juicy drama of GCB lies.

"Every human being has a moment of being bitchy," Bibb says. "I think when a woman's a bitch, usually it's based on being scared — they're scared of the mirror that they're seeing. What ends up happening on the show is we all sort of test each other. We all set each other off, and so I think everyone has a really beautiful, delicious moment of being bitchy and then a beautiful, great moment of sort of redemption — and then they're a bitch again and we're nice again."

GCB what?

GCB stands for Good Christian Bitches — the title of the Kim Gatlin book on which the series is based.

- **"The term GCB** is a phrase that these women in Texas refer to themselves as, you know, it's their own phrase," executive producer Robert Harling reasons. The term, he says, is not meant to offend.
- **"The characters … are all motivated** by a real sense of goodness," says Harling, who wrote about another group of strong-willed Southern women in Steel Magnolias. "The goal is to watch people try to be good. I know I screw up all the time. And sometimes it's funny. Sometimes it's sad. … But within those parameters, we will never ever, ever be disrespectful."

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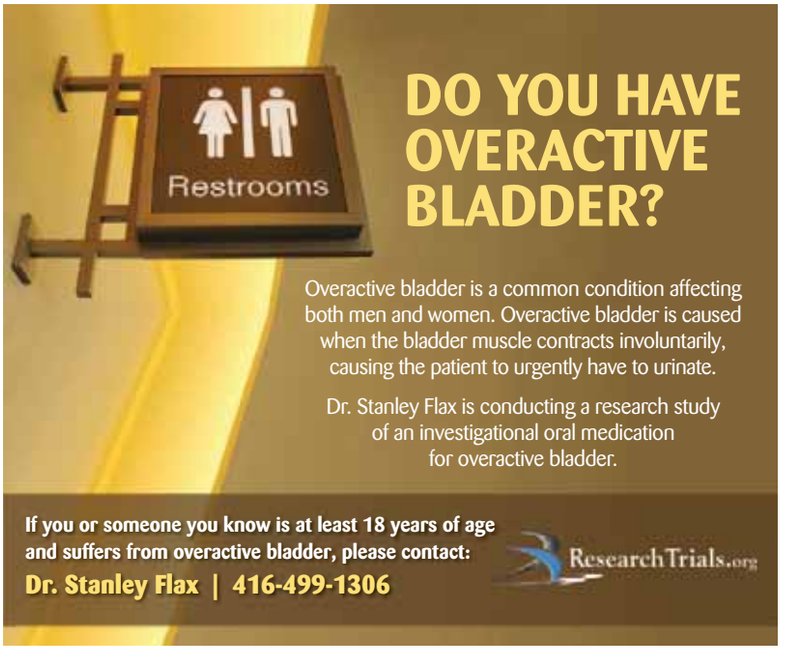
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‘Who’s making those decisions?’

Controversy. Mangan’s label frustrated that four-time Juno nominee hasn’t been asked to play the ceremony

Vancouver singer/songwriter Dan Mangan is tied for the lead with four nominations heading into next month’s Juno Awards, but representatives from his record label say he hasn’t been invited to perform during the broadcast, and they are rankled by the perceived oversight.

“Dan Mangan hasn’t been asked to perform on the show, and you know, that’s frustrating to us,” Arts & Crafts president and co-founder Jeffrey Remedios said in a recent telephone interview.

“That’s a bit of like — who’s making those decisions? And ... how are all those different powers kind of being moved around?”

The 28-year-old Mangan had a big year, with his third album of hand-crafted indie-folk, Oh Fortune, debuting at No. 9 on the Canadian chart.

The album also merited four Juno nominations, including high-profile nods for new artist of the year and songwriter of the year. That haul ties him with a group of co-leading nominees that also includes Drake, City and Colour and Hedley.

Which is why his label believes he belongs among the roster of musicians scheduled to take the stage in Ottawa at the April 1 event, which will feature performances from Nickelback, Feist, Blue Rodeo and Sarah McLachlan.

“We’re trying to move the needle,” Remedios said, before listing other Arts & Crafts acts who have played the Junos.

“We got Feist on the show, we’ve had Broken (Social Scene) on the show before ... and the Stills were on the show.

“I definitely think it’s something that’s possible ... and Dan’s got as many nominations as anybody else.”

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No comment

- A publicist for the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, which puts on the Junos, declined comment but pointed out that Mangan is set to perform during the non-televised Junos gala, where the bulk of the awards are handed out.

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Awards show

Martin pulls out of Genie broadcast

Andrea Martin has dropped out of the Genie Awards. The SCTV comic had been slated to co-host Canada’s film awards on Thursday but said late Wednesday that she had to pull out due to a prior commitment that had been rescheduled against the bash.

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Illness

Mary Walsh in hospital

Comic actress Mary Walsh is battling a severe respiratory infection in hospital. Walsh’s agent Michael Oscars says the 22 Minutes star is being treated for pneumonia in St. John’s, N.L., where she was admitted to St. John’s Health Sciences Centre on Monday.

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Young Jeezy's latest album, Thug Motivation 103: Hustlerz Ambition, was certified gold in January. GETTY IMAGES

Young Jeezy: your favourite rapper's favourite rapper

Hip-Hop. From slinging cocaine to slinging rhymes, Jeezy brings the 'Inspiration'

G. VALENTINO BALL
Metro World News in Boston

Can a former hustler who sells motivational speeches from the 'hood perspective survive without reality show-level media hijinks or social media oversharing? If the former hustler in question is Young Jeezy, that would be a yes.

The rapper stands out in a world where some MCs and video vixens wear the same pants.

The third and final chapter of the Atlanta MC's popular series is Thug Motivation 103: Hustlerz Ambition.

The album reached No. 3 on the Billboard 200 charts this past December and was certified gold by January. His fans waited nearly two years for it, and it goes to show that Jeezy's brand of hardcore has not gone unmissed by his almost cult-like fan base.

That relationship is one that Jeezy seems to appreciate and understand.

"We just have that connection," he says.

"A lot of people aren't from the streets or from the trap but they know what grinding is all about. They know what getting up early in the morning to go after a dream is like. "

With high profile guests like T.I., Andre 3000, Ne-Yo, Fabolous, Jill Scott and Jay-Z, TM:103 is on the verge of being Jeezy's biggest work.

Currently on the road, Jeezy says he prefers the intimate setting of large theatres over mega-venues. It helps strengthen that connection he speaks of, with his fans.

"The 30,000 seaters you have screens, the lights and all the production and so forth," he says.

"It takes away from the feeling of it. I like to be up on the crowd."

'Buying into me'

- **Jeezy says his full length albums have done well in the age of the $1.29 song because of his persona.** "I don't have a problem selling units because they aren't just buying one song. They are buying into me."

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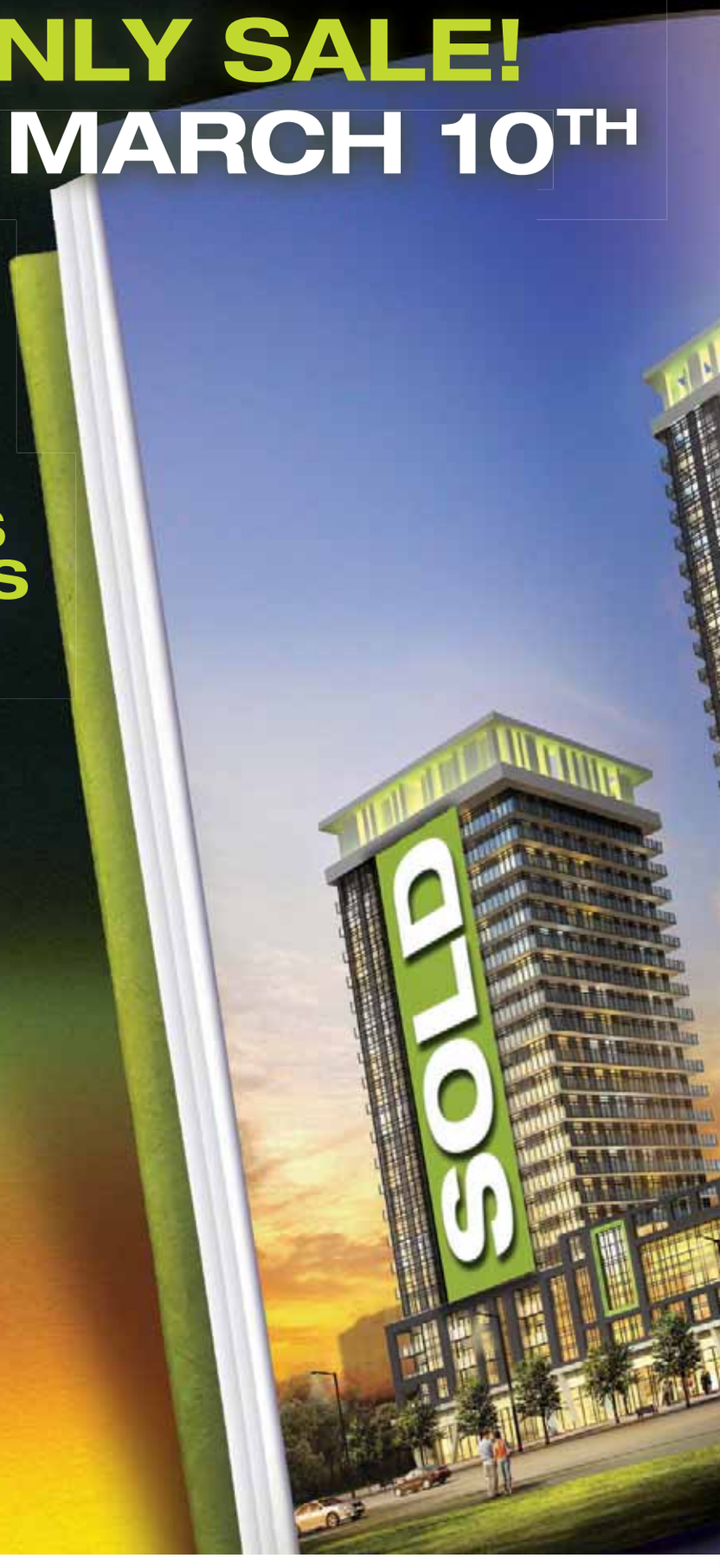

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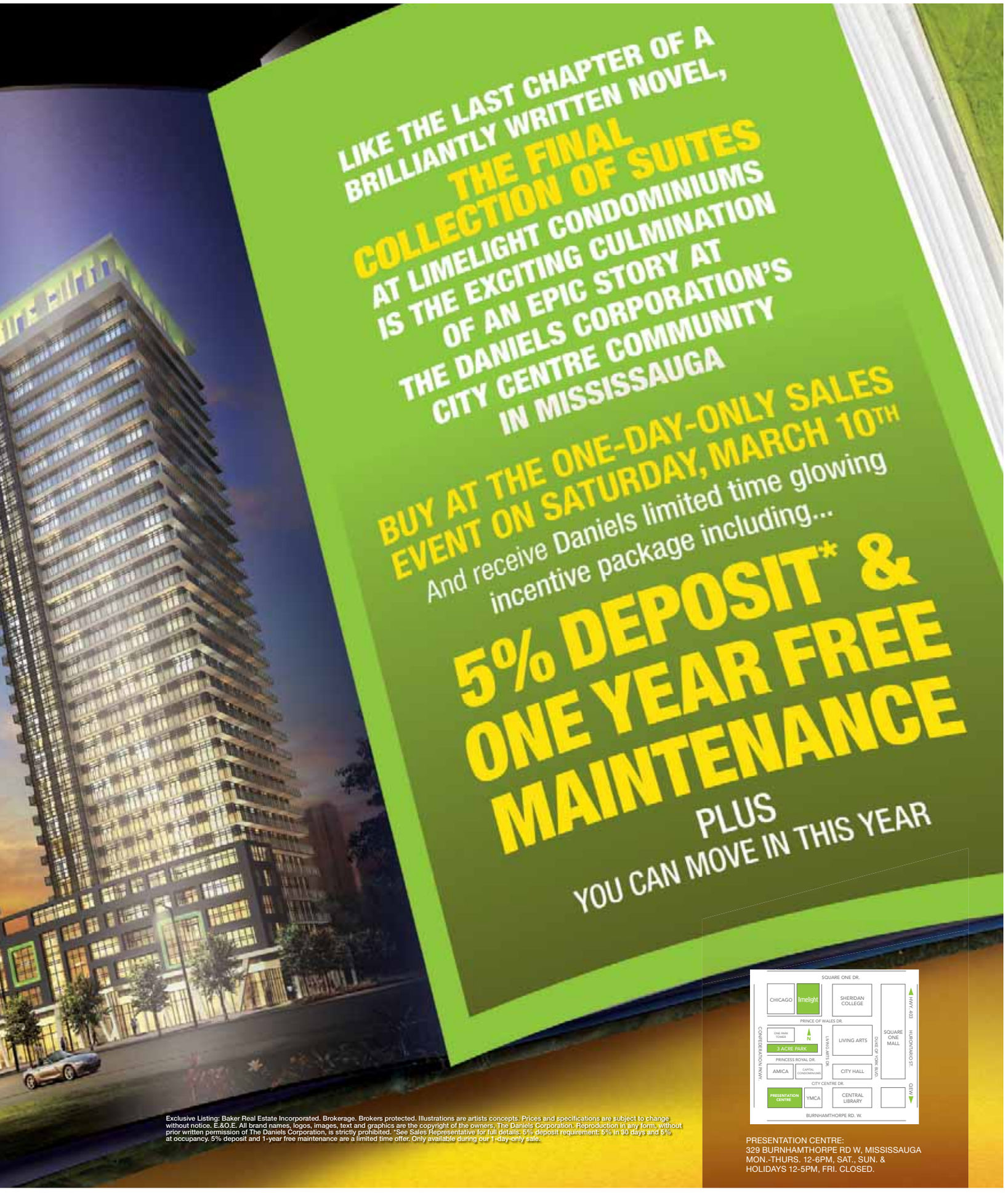

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Hewitt likes her boobs

Jennifer Love Hewitt has something in common with her fans when it comes to appreciating certain parts of her anatomy.

"It's horrible to say, but I like my boobs," the former Ghost Whisperer star tells Maxim magazine when asked what body part she is most proud of.

"They've always served me well. They're good." Well, maybe they haven't served her that well recently, the currently single Hewitt admits: "It might sound so stupid, but guys do not hit on me," she says. "I'm not really sure why." METRO

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Drinking while pregnant? Meatball problems

Snooki GETTY IMAGES

Jersey Shore star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi has taken to the cover of Us Weekly to announce what everyone already knew: that she's pregnant and engaged.

"I have different priorities now," Polizzi says. "I don't care what anybody else thinks. As long as I know I'm ready and (fiancé Jionni LaValle) is ready." The reality star admits that discovery of her pregnancy — right after New Year's — caused a moment of panic. Her first thought? "'S—, I've been drinking,'" she says.

"I was worried. It was New Year's Eve and we were in Vegas, so I did go crazy." METRO

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Fashion magazine covers

Doin' the bump

THE WORD
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As a fellow pregnant lady, I'm all for Jessica Simpson posing on the cover of Elle magazine while hoisting around a fetus. Yay for the miracle of life and all that.

But why oh why did she have to do it naked?

With the exception of Demi Moore's famous 1991 nude pregnancy photo for Vanity Fair, which set the bar for pregnancy photo shoots, why have any of these stars shown off their naked bellies on magazine covers?

It's as though these magazines — and starlets — need to flaunt the skin, just so you won't mistake them for being, well, fat.

Because a woman with actual curves on a fashion magazine? What a crazy concept!

But perhaps I'm wrong and am just being a prude. What do you think of the omnipresent naked pregnant celebrity cover trend? Do you want more naked bump in your life or do you prefer your pregnant celebrities lookin' good, but with maybe a shirt on?

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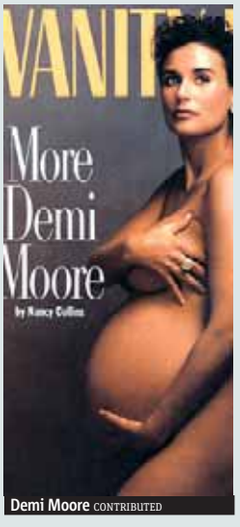

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5 shows that rocked the Paris runways

It had been a rainy season in the city of lights, and inside the packed houses of Paris Fashion Week style continued to take front-line fashionistas by storm

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1

Givenchy

Riccardo Tisci's show, always one of the most hotly anticipated on the Paris calendar, didn't disappoint with a collection inspired by the equestrian world and the '70s work of photographer Guy Bourdin.

Forget the sexless tweedy hunting set; Tisci's horsey theme was racy with an S&M sensibility.

2

Louis Vuitton

Marc Jacobs chose to summon up a bygone era of luxury travel for his Louis Vuitton show. The large, flamboyant hats were back, only slightly more refined. Same with the embroidered jackets, dresses and coats that the models wore layered over long skirts and wide, cropped pants. Unconventional, yes. But don't be surprised to see outsize layers trickling down to the high street come next season.

3

Yves Saint Laurent

Stefano Pilati bade farewell to the infamous Parisian fashion house after a 10-year tenure.

There were no tears, just a collection of chic, predominantly black silhouettes that referenced the house's '70s and '80s eras. The macabre colour palette, cinched waists, sizeable lapels, wide shoulders and sharp tailoring marked what could be regarded as a somber day for Pilati.

However, the leather tunic tops, trousers and chainmail dresses redolent of strength and resilience were lightened in mood with the introduction of an embroidered calla lily.

4

Kenzo

It's no easy task to impress hundreds of soggy, cranky fashion editors who schlepped through the rain to a far-out part of Paris to see a 15-minute show.

But that's what Humberto Leon and Carol Lim did for their second collection as creative directors of Kenzo.

The collection was just as fun as the show experience itself, featuring clothes that struck the right balance between creative, original and wearable. There were tailored and knit separates in autumnal florals and grapes; silk jumpsuits in vaguely Asian silhouettes; skirt and trouser suits in a mash-up of graphic combos — the list goes on.

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Barbara Bui

Barbara Bui referenced Asia in a series of silk dresses and jackets that came printed or embroidered with Chinese tigers and florals. Nothing was quite as memorable as the androgynous trouser suits she did in black and white for evening that opened the show. They were chic and simple and best showed off her knack for cutting a mean pair of pants, a talent women the world over seek her out for.

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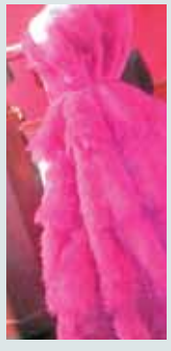

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Play up naturally gorgeous lips. Estée Lauder Pure Color Sensuous Rouge Lipcolor has a glossy conditioning core wrapped in a layer of rich, polymer-coated pigments, so the finish and hue stay true on you. Shown: Decadent Fig and Cheating Heart, $34 each, at Estée Lauder counters.

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Canada brings on the Burch

Style on our side.
Fashion megabrand Tory Burch is finally heading our way, making its first stop in Toronto's Yorkdale mall

Celebrated designer Tory Burch is bringing her famed fashion brand north of the border.

The American luxury lifestyle brand follows the steady influx of foreign companies and chains setting up shop in Canada with the launch of a new boutique at Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

The 232-square-metre space is slated to open in May.

The location will feature ready-to-wear shoes, handbags, eyewear, jewelry and small leather goods.

The award-winning designer and CEO presented her latest collection at New York Fashion Week last month.

Talk show titan Oprah Winfrey and Oscar-winners Halle Berry, Hilary Swank and Reese Witherspoon are among the many famous fans of the brand, which features such signature touches as graphic prints and bold colours.

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Fall 2012 fashion from Tory Burch is modeled during Fashion Week, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 in New York. STEPHEN CHERNIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Get outside this March break by visiting the tigers at the Toronto Zoo. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A snowy owl is another attraction at the zoo. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Or check out this black-footed ferret. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Make the most of your break

ASTRID
VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

Ideas. Keep your kids busy with a variety of fresh activities during your week off

Looking to shake things up this March break? If you are looking for fresh ideas on what to do with the kids this coming week, here are six activities to try.

COOK TOGETHER

Improvise dinner by grabbing a globe. No, really. Spin it, select a country and make a dish together from that country.

"So with your children you search for recipes, shop and cook the meal together," says Tracie Wagman, the Toronto-based publisher of Help! We've Got Kids.

Or Wagman suggests staging some cupcake wars: Invite your child's friends over and divide the group into two teams.

Each team decides on what type of cupcake to make, and decorates it and judges determine the winner.

TEAM UP

Melanie Rose, a Toronto-based mom of two children, has connected with three other mothers to create "Mommy Camp."

"Each mom takes all three girls for one day and we spend the last day as a group. Each day we exposed the girls to different experiences chosen by the day's mom," she says. "Last year's highlights included yoga in the park, a visit to the textile museum, pedicures and painting with chocolate."

Maybe stage cupcake wars by inviting your child's friends over. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GET OUTSIDE

"If the weather's nice, I like taking my kids to parks or zoos," says Wagman. But make it interesting and bypass the park you hit all summer.

"Go on the Internet and pick one with the kids. Then you map it out together and explore," suggests Wagman.

THINK CHARITABLY

If you have older children, get them to declutter their stuff. But make it fun. If you have reluctant donators on your hands, you could offer them a trade: 10 of their toys to donate for one new one, says Wagman.

Or you could help your child organize a toy drive in the neighbourhood. Invite friends and neighbours to collect items that you and your child can help organize and donate to a charitable organization they choose.

TAKE ADVANTAGE ...

... of deals you can't normally score during the weekday. March break tends to feature lots of local theatre shows and afternoon movie showings at cheaper matinee prices.

CREATE YOUR OWN REALITY SHOW

If you have a Nintendo Wii system or an Xbox, fire up your dance-themed video games to stage your own So You Think You Can Dance, suggests Wagman.

Invite your children's friends over to compete in the dance games, complete with judges ranking the dancers. End the day with the group choreographing its own number.

AN ADVENTURE AT EVERY LEVEL

Disney On Ice
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Take the kids to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday in the downtown. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fun on the cheap

KELLY PUTTER
For Metro

Guide. Activities that won't break the bank

Looking for March break fun that doesn't break the bank? Here's your guide to free fun:

Check out all the blarney at the Toronto St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday at noon. The parade starts from Bloor and St. George and continues down Yonge, then finishes on Queen Street at Nathan Phillips Square.

Introduce your children to contemporary and classical ballet at the Richard Branshaw Amphitheatre where the Canadian Opera Company offers its hour-long free concert, Ballet Express!, on March 14 from noon to 1. Visit coc.ca for more details.

Join in on a scavenger hunt, dress up in black parliamentary robes and make a craft at the Ontario legislature. The free sessions are 2.5 hours each morning and afternoon during March break. Preregistration is required. Call 416-325-7500.

Looking for a name to go with that ghost in your closet? Research the history of your house at the City of Toronto Archives, 255 Spadina Rd. See toronto.ca/archives/yourhouse.htm for details.

Practise your swim strokes in anticipation of summer by visiting one of the city's indoor pools. Look for a pool near you on this city map of facilities at toronto.ca/parks/pdf/facility_map.pdf.

The Toronto Public Library offers many free events during March break, from arts and crafts to bingo, puppet making, belly dancing and productions of Babar by the Little Red Theatre. Teens can learn how to silk screen, break dance and make jewelry. Film enthusiasts will give a big thumbs up to the many different movies being shown. Check torontopubliclibrary.ca to see what's happening at your local library.

Strap on your blades and go skating. Most arenas are offering extra free public skate times over the March break. Check toronto.ca/parks/prd/skating/dropin/leisure/ to find the times at your local arena.

Join the festivities at the Iranian Fire Festival the evening of March 13 at Mel Lastman Square. This prelude to the Iranian New Year includes performances, traditional dance and music, a Kids Zone, and more. Visit info@iffcc.ca.

Helping hands

- **Shelters.** Kick off your weeklong holiday Saturday by helping build shelters for homeless street cats. The event takes place at the Toronto Humane Society, 11 River St., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ages are welcome. For details, call 416-392-2273, or visit torontostreetcats.com/shelterbuilding.html.

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Check out Maple Magic at Mississauga's Bradley Museum during the March break. JIM WILKES/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sweet new adventures

KELLY PUTTER
For Metro

Indulge your sense of adventure this March break by trying something new on for size. Here's a look at your choices:

Love the taste of maple syrup? Check out Maple Magic at Mississauga's Bradley Museum, which offers horse-drawn carriage rides, historical demonstrations, folk music and wood carving. And don't forget the pancakes and syrup. For ticket info, call 905-615-4860.

Need more wizards in your life now that Harry Potter has retired? Head to the Wizard World Fun Park at the Better Living Centre. Mingle with alpacas and pheasants in the petting zoo, create neat crafts and thrill to more than 20 different rides at this indoor amusement park. Go to wizardworld.ca/toronto for more information.

Nurture your child's love of history as they dress up, try cooking in the historic kitchen or drill like an 1812 soldier at Fort York. Recommended for ages three to 12. See fortyork.ca/events for details. Mackenzie House offers wee ones Victorian style arts and crafts. Go to toronto.ca/culture/museums/mackenzie.htm for more info.

Kick off March break with a peek at Justin Bieber's shoes.
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If the theatre is your muse, try a selection of plays and musicals on stage this March break from The Diary of Anne Frank (Al Green Theatre, 416-703-3366), to The Neverending Story (Young People's Theatre, 416-862-2222) and Cinderella and Peter Pan (both by Dufflebag Theatre, 416-733-9388).

The Lower Ossington Theatre is showing four shows during March break: Free To Be You and Me, Pinkalicious, Piff, Paff, Poof and The Musical, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Go to lowerossingtontheatre.com for showtimes or call 416-915-6747.

Kick off the week with a peek at Justin Bieber's shoes. The teen idol's footwear will be unveiled March 14 at the Bata Shoe Museum, followed by an 11 a.m. performance by Bieber tribute singer Landon Holmes. Call 416-979-7799, ext. 242, or email programs@batashoemuseum.ca for more info.

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MUNA MANSOUR, 29, started her studies at a college in Michigan, hoping one day to achieve her ultimate goal of earning a bachelor's degree in business. Her plans changed, however, when she took some time off to have her baby.

When the new mother was ready to head back to class she decided on Seneca's Business Administration - Management advanced diploma. Her credits from Michigan were accepted. This gave her a head start on the program, which gives graduates the opportunity to turn their diploma into a degree.

In Muna's case, this fall she will be one step closer to achieving her goal of earning a bachelor's degree after being accepted into Seneca's new Bachelor of Commerce in Business Management with advanced standing, allowing her to earn an advanced diploma and degree in less than five years.

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JEANNE & HER GIRLS

To mark International Women's Day, journalist Brigitte Noel spent time speaking to Metro columnist Jeanne Beker and her daughters, Joey and Bekky, about feminism, motherhood, role models and more...

HAVING IT ALL IN HEELS

On feminism:

Jeanne: To me that whole idea of feminism, while it was such a godsend when we first caught wind of it or first started to really champion it in the '60s when I was growing up, now seems a little old-fashioned. Although, I'm not sure — what do you guys feel about that?"

Bekky: I think feminism is a very dangerous thing to define because the second you do, you start aggravating people who don't agree with your definition of it. (…) I don't know if it's a matter of feminism so much as recognizing the humanity of the person regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Jeanne: I remember when I was even a bit younger than my girls are now and I was going to university or college and reading Germaine Greer's works, Gloria Steinem. (…) Everybody was just reading these works about (feminism) and what it meant, and how we had to start thinking. Then all of a sudden it just became part of the way I saw the world and part of my psyche and I would hope part of my whole generation's psyche.

On women's rights:

Bekky: It's always necessary to fight for whatever rights you can. I think that we have to defend ourselves. When people aren't paying attention to what their rights are, their rights are taken away from them. We're very fortunate to be living in Canada where (human rights) are less of an issue than in other parts of the world, but I think that gay rights and queer rights and trans rights and rights of these even more marginalized groups than women are what come to mind as being more important to fight for nowadays.

Jeanne: Certainly in this country.

Bekky: Exactly, and I think that's an important distinction to make.

Jeanne: And we have special rights too. When I think of how, when I decided to have a baby all those years ago, there was no such thing as a year of mat leave. Now it's thrilling that women have that option today — they certainly did not have it 20-odd years ago when I was having my kids.

Lessons from motherhood:

Jeanne: I've learned that it's important to be very open-minded. I was a pretty open-minded individual but you have to be even more open-minded. I feel I'm still learning not to be quick to judge, more tolerant. I think my kids just teach me to be a better person because they've taught me a lot about unconditional love and the necessity of encouraging people to blaze their own trails and not follow in footsteps. The number one question that I absolutely detest is when people ask if my daughters are following my footsteps. What do you think, I've raised a couple of followers, I've raised a couple of wimps? Without question, my daughters are blazing their own trails as I feel that I did and would never want them to just be a second act in that way. They're an opening act for their own generation and hopefully one day maybe their own families.

On having it all:

Jeanne: Above all, I think what my daughters taught me is that love will find a way. It sounds really corny, but a lot of people would have looked at me and thought "you've got such a crazy busy career, how can you possibly take the time to sit back and have a family?" I went back to work after like three weeks with each of them. (…) I had to protect what I had worked so hard for, and I didn't grow up at a time when I thought I could have it all. And I still think you can, in bits and pieces maybe and maybe not all at once, but I'm determined to kill myself trying. They really taught me that love will find a way and that if you really are passionate about something, if you really love something, you will find a way to make it work in your life. Just don't take no for an answer.

On having children:

Jeanne: Do it! do it! do it! You don't need a lot of children, but at least one, or maybe two, if you can! If you can, not everyone can, not everyone's inclined to and inspired to, but if you're sitting on the fence and you're thinking about it, I say yes, just do it. It really gives you incredible perspective on the human experience and it's the most rewarding thing. To me it's the best thing I ever did in my life.

Bekky: Having children, I don't know. *Raising* children, I think yes, if you have the ability to love and provide for and take care of another person, that is probably —well, I don't know, I haven't done it, maybe it's terrible — but I think it's the kindest, most generous thing you can do.

Joey: I don't know. Yeah, I could have children but if I couldn't for some reason, I would love to adopt.

Life lessons from Mom

Bekky

- **Do it all.** Anything is possible if you want it enough; that it is important to be courageous and tenacious and inexhaustible; and that you can do all these things in a pair of four-inch high heels and still look fabulous while you are doing it.

Joey

- **Don't settle.** I think that she didn't settle is something that I really love and that she's still pushing to fulfill her dreams. We understand that, and there are sacrifices and we don't get to spend all the time in the world with her. And she does fall asleep during movies because she's so exhausted.

On marriage:

Bekky: (It's) very useful? Perhaps a bit outdated. I recently got married to my partner because we couldn't live in the same country. I never believed in marriage, I didn't want the big white dress with the flowers, it just wasn't my thing! (…)

Joey: If you're going to be together, why do you need to prove it to anyone, why do you need a symbol? Then again, I guess I always imagined it being one day a part of my life, so I'm still not sure where I stand.

Jeanne: As someone who's been married twice… Love was definitely a big part of it. When you're younger, there's a lot more idealism associated with marriage, obviously because you're so intent on getting it right, you dream about that, there's never really any doubt in your mind that you will get it right. But as you get older and you realize how many people don't get it right or can't make it work, can't make it last. (…) At this stage of the game, I still say that if I was so inclined, madly, crazy, mentally in love —the operative word is mentally— in love with someone, or really found the right person that I really wanted to share my life with to that degree, because I think it really speaks of a true partnership, I would do it.

On the Kardashians:

Jeanne: Oooooohh!

Joey: I don't know who they are?

Jeanne: We don't watch them at our house. We don't allow that.

Advice to women:

Bekky: Read books by women. (…) Figure out who you are and be proud of it. I think so many girls want to be someone else because it's easier and I think that denying the things you love is dangerous. Embrace what you need out of life.

Jeanne: I'd say go for it, be fearless, be tenacious, and to thine own self be true. Dream big, but work hard, and never give up.

Bekky: Always carry a pair of flats in your purse!

Jeanne: I never do!

Joey: I gave you those flats to carry and you put them in the basement!

Jeanne: The ones in my stocking? Were those from you?

Joey: Yes!!

Jeanne: I thought they were from Santa. I was looking for them, I'll take them to Paris.

1875

First graduate

Grace Annie Lockhart receives a bachelor of science and English literature from Mount Allison University.

1875

Medecine woman

Jennie Kidd Trout is the first woman in Canada to become certified as a physician.

1911

Worthy of celebration

In Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland, more than one million women and men gather to celebrate the First International Women's Day.

1916

At the polls

Manitoba grants women the right to vote; Saskatchewan and Alberta soon follow suit. In 1918, the Canada Elections Act gives the federal vote to all women over the age of 21.

1925

Grounds for divorce

A change in the federal law makes it possible for women to seek divorce on the same grounds as men.

1929

Official persons

The "Famous Five"— Irene Parlby, Nellie McClung, Emily Murphy, Henrietta Muir Edwards and Louise Crummy McKinney — change Canada's definition of "person" to include women.

1954

Fair wages

The federal government declares its fair wages policy. In 1956, the Female Employees Equal Pay Act renders sex-based wage discrimination illegal.

1969

Right to choose

Under Pierre Trudeau's Liberal government, contraception is decriminalized and abortion becomes an option for some women.

1989

Life of the party

In the Yukon, New Democratic Party MP Audrey McLaughlin is elected the first woman ever to lead a national political party.

1991

Premier league

In British Columbia, Rita Johnston becomes the country's first female provincial premier, followed closely by Prince Edward Island's Catherine Callbeck, elected in 1993.

1992

Out of this world

Scientist Roberta Bondar is the first Canadian woman (and the second Canadian) to be launched into space.

1993

Like a boss

Progressive Conservative Party member Kim Campbell is sworn in as Canada's first (and to date, only) female Prime Minister.

ANI DIFRANCO

Grammy Award-winning feminist folk artist Ani DiFranco weighs in on why women compete against one another in the workplace. How can we address the issue? "With humour!" DiFranco tells Metro.

"WE HAVE TO RETHINK FEMINISM."

KAREN WATESON
Metro World News in London

The prolific singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco is heralded as a feminist icon.

With more than 20 albums under her name, the Grammy Award-winner is best known for her audacious, outspoken songs about sexism, civil injustice and other social issues.

When Metro met her in London, we were greeted by a folk artist, with her unruly hair and knitted, woolen top, oozing a sense of inner strength and poise; she waxed lyrical on the big question of women versus women at work.

Profile

- **Name.** Angela Maria DiFranco
- **Age.** 41
- **Occupation.** Singer-songwriter, guitarist
- **In the news.** Regarded as one of the more influential folk singer-songwriters of her generation, thanks to her energetic, politically charged sound.

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Why do you think women are mean to each other?
I guess it has a lot to do with patriarchy, the underlying social structure of the globe, which tends to make women competitors for men. So I think patriarchy needs to be addressed for many reasons — that being just one.

In what way can it be addressed, do you think?
We have to rethink feminism. We have an outdated idea of what it is: a crusade for equal pay, safety on the streets, basic rights, etc. I think we need to understand feminism as a kind of prerequisite to healing all of our other social diseases. Patriarchy is the elephant in the room we are not addressing politically.

And until we do I don't think we can experience human nature. It's sort of a lop-sided polarity of yin-yang.

How can we address it?
With humour! (laughs)

We need to be kind and tolerant of each other, and realize that we're dealing with something that's bigger than all of us. We can all fall prey to it. Understanding that, we must struggle together as allies, male and female, to balance our society and cut each other slack along the way.

You. Are. Not. A. Bitch. Neither. Is. She

International Women's Day. Metro's global editor-in-chief Maggie Samways advises the sisterhood to stick together

MAGGIE SAMWAYS
Metro World News in London

I'm proud to work for a company run by women. Metro's board of directors has a chairwoman, not a chairman; two out of the five executive management team are women — and I'm one of them. I'm the proud employer of women — 50 per cent of my team are women. I'm proud to count ambitious, brilliant women as colleagues and friends.

That said, before my first board meeting presentation, I couldn't sleep, worried about … the other women.

The presentation was solid, I knew I'd impress the "suits." But having never met anyone, I wasn't sure the "skirts" in the room would let me get away with it: they'd find a way to make me look stupid, to trip me up. I was concerned that those who should be my best allies could be my worst enemy.

That feeling led to the premise of this special issue.

Why do we spend so much energy cutting ourselves down? Sniping, whispering, threatening? We need to take control of the message women send to each other, and about each other: you're not bossy, you're assertive; you're not emotional, you're intuitive. You. Are. Not. A. Bitch. And neither is she.

Maggie Samways. METRO

American magazine GOOD (good.is) recently ran a campaign called Promote Women: Use your Network to Solve the Gender Gap.

They challenged us to 1) Think of three women in our industry who are undernoticed. 2) Think of three powerful people in our industry that we know personally. 3) Connect them! Recommend your under-noticed, under-paid and otherwise under-exposed women colleagues — and tell them you did.

I would like to extend this challenge to Metro's readers. Ladies, women, girls; present and future CEOs, presidents and professionals: be the mentor you needed. Cut the crap. Stop the gossip.

And extend your hand. Just before my board room presentation, both women walked to the front of the room, shook mine, and told me I'd do just fine.

And I flew. Mean girls — what mean girls? THIS was the way it should be.

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For Families To Spend...

Decades after the Pay Equity Act was passed,
hundreds of employers still pay women on average
29% less than men for work of equal value.
That's **29% less** that families have to spend
on housing, groceries and clothes.

The University of Toronto and United Steelworkers Local 1998 have closed the gap for some staff, but many are still waiting.

March 8th is International Woman's Day. Time's up U of T, inequality stops here!

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Mrs. MoneyPenny aka Heather McGregor HANDOUT

MRS. MONEYPENNY

For more than a decade, she has been chronicling the life of a successful career woman in her Financial Times column. Now, Mrs. Moneypenny, an extremely successful headhunter, has published the quintessential career guide for women, Mrs. Moneypenny's Careers Advice for Ambitious Women.

"YOU CAN DO EVERYTHING, BUT NOT AT THE SAME TIME"

EIZABETH BRAW
Metro World News in London

Metro met Mrs. Moneypenny, a.k.a. executive headhunter Heather McGregor, in Davos, Switzerland, during the World Economic Forum.

What if you get a degree as a teacher or accountant and then, at age 27, discover that you want a different career? Is your fate sealed?
There was a woman nwamed Janet Robinson who was a teacher. When she was 27, or maybe 30, she quit her job and went from Massachusetts to New York. She didn't have a clue what she wanted to do, but she thought laterally about. She was a good tennis player and knew a lot about it, so she got herself selling ads for a tennis magazine. It was a really poorly paid job, and she had no experience selling ads. Now she's CEO of the New York Times Company. That's a great lesson in how to use your skills that you might not think count.

Men spend lots of time on the golf course, but women don't network much with each other. Why?
They have limited time. There are only 168 hours in the week, and when they go home they have lots of other things to do.

The night before I went here I was sewing name tapes on my son's clothes. I'll be here for four days; when I come home on Sunday night I'll see my family for three hours, and then I'm going back to work on Monday.

Me too. And I feel guilty about it.
Exactly. Women, especially mothers, feel guilty all the time! That's why saying no is such an important skill. You have to get used to the fact that saying no is like having your legs waxed: it feels uncomfortable, but only for a short period of time, and the benefits are there for long.

Women and mothers don't like each other: do you agree?
I have a different theory: nobody has told young women that they can't have it all. They've been brought up in a world where everything is possible. We should tell girls: yes, you can do it, but you can't have it all at the same time.

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SEE WHAT'S NEW... CHECK OUT OUR LATEST OFFER ON PAGE 36

Making classic butter chicken is easier than you may think

Butter chicken is an Indian staple that has become popular in North America. However, many people are intimated by what goes into making the delicious dish.

In her book, My Cooking Class Indian Basics, Jody Vassallo offers this step-by-step version to make it simple.

The dish is very rich so you may want to leave out the ghee at the end if you would like to reduce the amount of fat. You can also marinate the chicken overnight for a more intense flavour. Make sure you grill the chicken until it blackens slightly, Vassallo advises.

Ingredients

4 portions
Preparation: 20 minutes
Cooking: 40 minutes

- 2 lbs. (1 kg) boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) tandoori masala
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) garlic ginger paste
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt
- 3 (14-ounce/398 ml) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) garam masala
- 1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) paprika
- 1 cup (250 ml) light cream (20%)
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) grated palm sugar or soft brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) chilled ghee
- ½ teaspoon (2 ml) salt
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) chopped fresh cilantro

1 Preheat a grill. Put the chicken in a bowl, add the tandoori masala, garlic-ginger paste and yogurt and mix well, until the chicken is coated.

2 Arrange the chicken in a shallow baking dish and cook under the hot grill until tender.

3 Remove the chicken from the dish and set aside.

4 Pour the juices from the baking dish into a pan and add the tomatoes, garam masala, paprika, cream and sugar.

5 Bring the mixture to a boil and cook over high heat for 10 minutes, until the sauce is thick and creamy. Add the cooked chicken, the ghee and salt and simmer for 3 minutes, until the ghee melts and the chicken is heated through.

6 Sprinkle the cilantro on top and serve with lime wedges and freshly cooked rice. **RECIPE USED WITH PERMISSION FROM INDIAN BASICS: 82 RECIPES ILLUSTRATED STEP BY STEP BY JODY VASSALLO; FIREFLY BOOKS 2011 ($24.95 PAPERBACK)**

Butter Chicken

This recipe serves four. JAMES LYNDSAY, FIREFLY BOOKS 2011

Cookbook of the Week

Indian Basics: 85 Recipes Illustrated Step by Step

Ever wanted to try cooking an Indian meal but felt intimidated by ingredients or the cooking process?

In her book Indian Basics 85 Recipes Illustrated Step by Step, author Jody Vassallo visually guides the reader through every step of preparing an Indian meal.

Each recipe begins with a photo that displays the ingredients. Next, detailed, start-to-finish sequential pictures, accompanied by concise text, demonstrates the steps necessary to complete the dish. **METRO**

Gluten & lactose-free tandoori

1 In sauté pan, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of oil over medium heat. When oil shimmers, reduce heat to low and add onion, garlic, salt, cardamom, cayenne, turmeric, cumin, mace, mustard, cinnamon, nutmeg and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 10 mins. or until onion begins to turn translucent.

2 Transfer to blender. Add coconut milk and lime juice. Blend 1 min. until smooth. Coat both sides of each chicken breast with spice mixture. Place chicken breasts flat on a plate, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

3 Use remaining oil lightly coat a 25-by-20-cm (10-by-8-inch) baking or roasting pan. Place chicken breasts in an even layer in pan. Broil on rack in middle of the oven for 10 minutes, then turn chicken pieces over. Broil for 8 to 10 minutes longer. Remove from oven and serve immediately. **THE INTOLERANT GOURMET BY BARBARA KAFKA (ARTISAN, 2011)/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOK.CA)**

Chicken Breast Tandoori Ingredients

- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) canola
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cardamom
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cayenne pepper
- 1.5 ml (1/3 tsp) turmeric
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cumin
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground mace
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) each dry mustard, cinnamon, nutmeg, black pepper
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) coconut milk
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) lime juice
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (255 to 285 g/9 to 10 oz each)

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Low-rise living in the Annex

A rendering of South Hill on Madison. CONTRIBUTED

1 Meet the condo

- **What.** South Hill on Madison
- **Builder.** Burnac Holdings Limited
- **Check it.** southhillonmadison.com, 416-966-3737, 37 Madison Ave.
- **Size.** From 400 to 1,300 sq. ft.
- **Pricing:** From the mid-$200,000s to $1 Million

2 The project overview

South Hill is located at the foot of Casa Loma on Madison Avenue. Suites will feature terraces, French balconies and patios with sliding doors as well as nine-foot, smooth-finished ceilings. The well-appointed lobby will have a 24-hour full-service concierge.

3 Location and transit

South Hill is conveniently located in the Annex, a short walk from the Macpherson Avenue bus stop and the Dupont subway station. Drivers can get to the Don Valley Parkway or Gardiner Expressway in short order. The downtown core is 15 minutes away.

4 In the 'hood

On the edge of Toronto's downtown, residents will enjoy interesting shops and restaurants along Dupont Street, and will be close to Toronto's vibrant Spadina Avenue and Bloor Street. Residents can take a stroll in nearby Roycroft and Sir Winston Churchill parks.

5 Building amenities

Fully-equipped gym and yoga studio with steam showers. Party room with fully functional kitchen. State of the art media room with large format television and kitchenette. There's an outdoor courtyard parkette, a pet spa and underground visitor parking.

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Rooftop surfing

Why association awards matter

PAUL GOLINI JR.
Chair of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and can be found at twitter.com/bildgta), (facebook.com/bildgta), and bildblogs.ca.

Hollywood's awards season might be a wrap, but ours is just getting started. Next week, we'll gather at an industry luncheon to officially open the National Home Show and honour the best of the best renovation and custom builders across the GTA. We even have a new award this year for Best Condominium Renovation — and I'm sure it wasn't easy for our judges to decide the winner in that category.

These awards are important to our members because it's a pat on the back from their peers and recognition for all of their hard work, but the awards are also important to our consumers. So much so, that the categories have evolved over the years to become more consumer-relevant and while we still give out awards for ads, logos and brochures, we also give out awards for suite design, community excellence and green building.

So of the 31 finalists this year, eight awards will be handed out for a variety of projects and all of them, from the kitchen facelifts, to the well-planned additions, to the stunning custom homes, are design-magazine quality. If you're looking for some renovation inspiration — you don't have to go far.

All of our finalists' before-and-after photos will be showcased at the BILD Destination Renovation booth at the Home Show, March 16-25 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place — so come on by!

About a month after we close down the Home Show, the industry will gather again at the year's most anticipated event — the BILD Awards. It will be the 32nd annual awards ceremony, presented by the Association and recognizing the very best of the GTA's new home construction industry.

With more than 1,100 submissions in 47 categories, this is going to be the best BILD Awards show we've ever had. Just like in Hollywood, the envelopes are kept under lock and key. So, as soon as I know, I'll share the news because you might just be moving into an award-winning home.

What's hot on the condo market?

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Check out 270 Queens Quay W., Saturday, Mar. 10 from 1-4 p.m., Call 416-385-3333

How to take your productivity to the next level in your condo

Condo trends. A few tools and ideas can help you get to business more easily (and best of all, your bed is always close by for power naps).

DUNCAN MCALLISTER
life@metronews.ca

You may not have room for a photocopier and water cooler but you can still join the growing trend of condo home offices. A second bedroom or dining room table can double as your entrepreneurial headquarters.

The trick is finding clever new ways to make the best use of space.

Designer Devon Vaillancourt tells Metro that a lot of people are doing condo offices now. "You can put a wall bed in a room as well as a desk. It will usually fit and once the wall bed's down, you just tuck in the chair. We do that quite often."

Vaillancourt is operations manager at Toronto's Condo Box, which specializes in innovative, custom small-space solutions.

"With our desks that we make, you're able to put any sort of drawers, keyboard trays and file drawers. Right now I'm working on a drawing for someone to tuck a printer inside and have all the cables hidden in a freestanding cabinet."

Nowadays, when it comes to technology, a laptop computer takes the place of a full-sized desktop and boxy tower. And with a single high-speed Internet connection, you can gain access to all your essential office services like email, web browsing, telephone and fax lines.

In today's condos, wireless is your friend. Wi-Fi means never having to string cables — most computers and peripherals have wireless networks built in.

Bluetooth mice, headsets and keyboards make for an uncluttered desktop. Consider using a cellphone or cordless handset and save big by not having to install custom wiring.

Multi-function printers are all the rage — perfect for your close quarters headquarters. One sleek unit does the combined duties of a colour ink-jet printer, a fax machine, a scanner and a photocopier. Think of all the room you'll save.

Making it all fit

"You can put a wall bed in a room as well as a desk. It will usually fit and once the wall bed's down, you just tuck in the chair. We do that quite often."

Designer Devon Vaillancourt

Phoenix custom desk (bench extra). CONDO BOX

A few things to check on

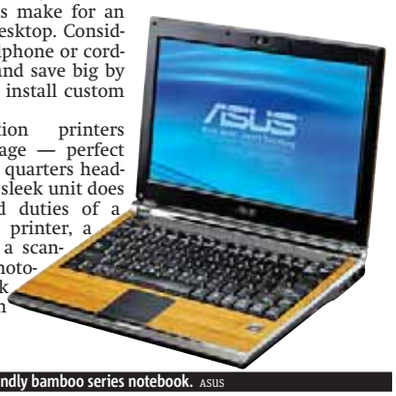
Ready to work at home?

Now, not all businesses are cut out for a condo head office (restaurants and motorcycle repair come to mind). Most buildings would allow you to work at home in front of the computer and talking on the phone.

It's the steady flow of customers, regular deliveries and noise that are strictly forbidden by most condominium corporations, so check your condo bylaws first.

Safco compact mobile file cart. STAPLES

Canon Pixma MX420 multi-purpose. CANON CANADA



Asus U2E eco-friendly bamboo series notebook. ASUS

Home office essentials

- **Canon Pixma MX420 multi-purpose.** Prints and scans in colour, photocopies, has internal fax machine and Wi-Fi. $129.99 from Canon Canada.
- **Safco compact mobile file cart.** Accommodates 40 legal-sized hanging folders. Steel construction with casters, can be whisked under a desk when not in use. $75.96 at Staples.
- **Nominell swivel chair with armrests in bright colours.** Designed by Olle Lundberg, casters lock automatically when the chair is not in use. $209.00 at IKEA.
- **Phoenix custom desk.** Various sizes and finishes. Leaf folds out to a table; bench nestles inside and out of the way. $1,400 from Condo Box (Bench extra).
- **Asus U2E eco-friendly bamboo series notebook..** Uniquely blends with your decor. 11.1" LED display, Intel Core 2 duo and up to 4GB. memory. $479.99 from Asus Computer.

Nominell swivel chair. IKEA

Legal Matters

No finances at the 11th hour

LEGAL MATTERS
Jeffrey Cowan is principal of Cowan Law. Reach him by email at jeff@cowanlaw.ca

Q. We recently sold our home and scaled down to a smaller home closer to the core of the city. We had set it up that we would buy our new place a couple of weeks prior to the sale of our home we had been in for over 30 years.

Everything went well until the day of closing when the purchasers of our old home indicated that they needed an extension of the closing date as they were having trouble with the financing of their mortgage. What can we do now that we own two homes with no certainty that the new purchasers will be able to close?

A. Generally, if purchasers have questions around getting a mortgage, they make their offer conditional on financing. Obviously, your purchasers did not do so because at the 11th hour, they are trying to scramble to get financing.

Your lawyer should be researching the likelihood that they will be able to find a mortgage in the near future. Then you would require that they request an extension and any costs that you incur due to the delay you would demand on closing. Often times, vendors request a further non-refundable deposit that is held by their lawyer in trust so that it can be released in short order if things fall apart.

There is nothing that you or your lawyer could have done to avoid this situation (short of demanding proof of pre-approval — which is quite unusual) but if there is an adequate deposit with the realtor, you have some assurance that you will be compensated for any losses. Not a great situation to be in.

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From animal hides to woven rugs, Metro gets a feel for some fashionable floor spreads — just make sure you're confident enough to pull off the cow, before buying

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8 rugs to roll out

1 Anthropologie

Huari rug, $698, anthropologie.com

2 Karastan English Manor

William Morris rug $1,199, Bloomingdales.com

3 Urban Outfitters

Ikat rug, $59, urbanoutfitters.com

4 Jonathan Adler

Jonathan Adler Mondrian rug, $1,100, jonathanadler.com

5 Ink dish

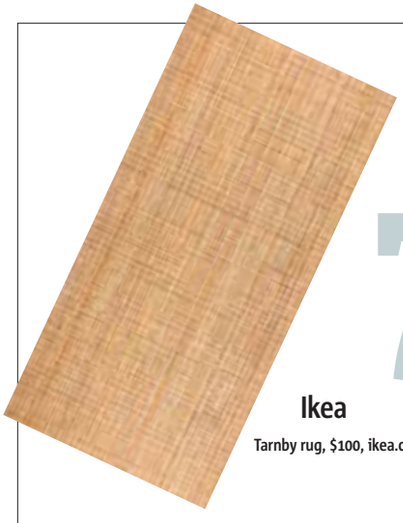
Woven Ground Luxury Pele rugs, $523, wovenground.com

6 CB2

Color field rug, $399, cb2.com

7 Ikea

Tarnby rug, $100, ikea.com



8 Camilla Staerk

Normann Copenhagen spine rug, $2,058, Panik-design.com

Unraveling the terminology

Learn the lingo before you shop for floor decor.

- **Warp.** The vertical running of yarn in any woven rug or carpet, interlacing with weft yarns.
- **Weft.** The horizontal running of yarn in any woven rug or carpet, interlacing with warp yarns.
- **Knot Count.** This is simply the number of knots per square inch.

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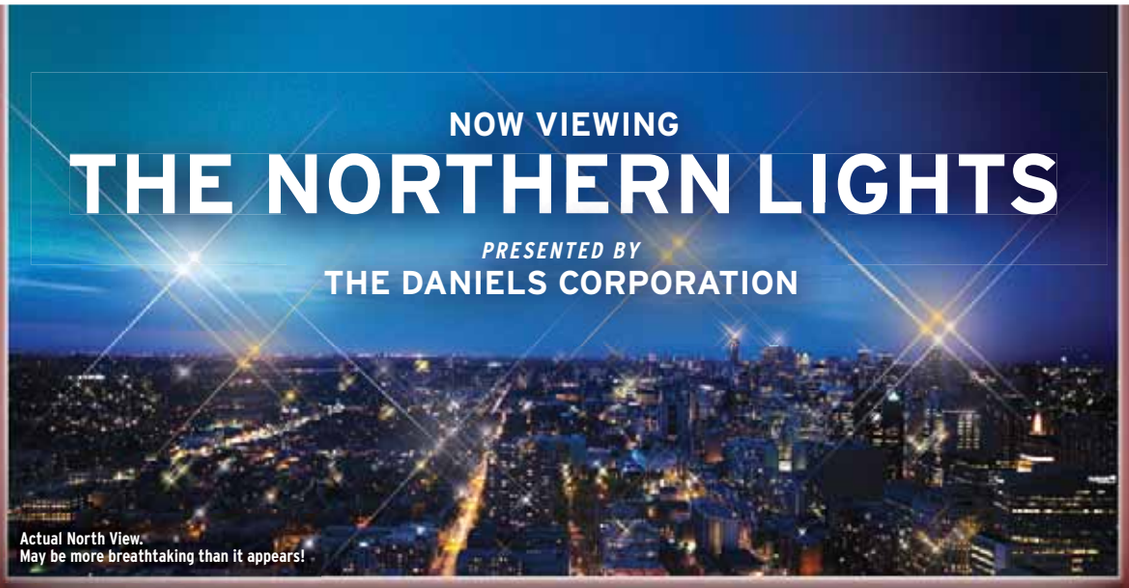

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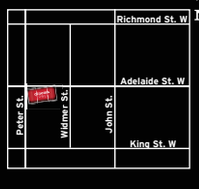

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Create an accent wall with a bright, cheery pattern. ISTOCK

Freshen up for spring with some new wall designs and colours

DIY Ideas. Painting with templates is a fun and inexpensive way to update the look of your home

If you're looking for a fun DIY activity over the March break, painting with templates is a great place to start. Sweat Equity host Amy Matthews helps homeowners determine which home improvement projects will return the most bang for their buck and a fresh new wall design is sure to create a stylish and updated look.

Brainstorm

Painting with templates is an emerging decorating trend that offers a great deal of versatility. A border pattern can be applied to a kid's room, an accent wall to a bedroom or a mural created in a living room. There are many types of stencils to choose from including plastic and cardboard varieties as well as removable wall stickers for a simpler option. Plastic stencils are washable and reusable after paint is applied whereas cardboard varieties eventually need to be replaced; keep this in mind if you plan on creating a larger border. The variety of fun designs available at craft and home décor stores allows for a truly personalized creation.

Getting started

Explore colour combinations on a sample area. Smooth walls will produce crisp designs so it is always a good idea to ensure that they are clean, dust-free and in good condition before applying the pattern. Any chips can be filled, primed and painted prior to stenciling. Flat paint is recommended over semi-gloss so that the stencil pattern adheres more readily.

Painting advice

It is best to use a "drybrush" technique when working with stencils. This means using a paint brush that is relatively dry but still holds paint. If using a roller, roll it over the paint until mostly absorbed and then blot off any excess paint. Foam rollers work better than fluffy rollers. Always use light to medium pressure when painting over a stencil as excessive pressure may cause paint to bleed. A second coat can always be applied if desired. Attach stencils to the wall using painter's tape and a leveler. Once paint is dry to the touch, carefully remove the stencil.

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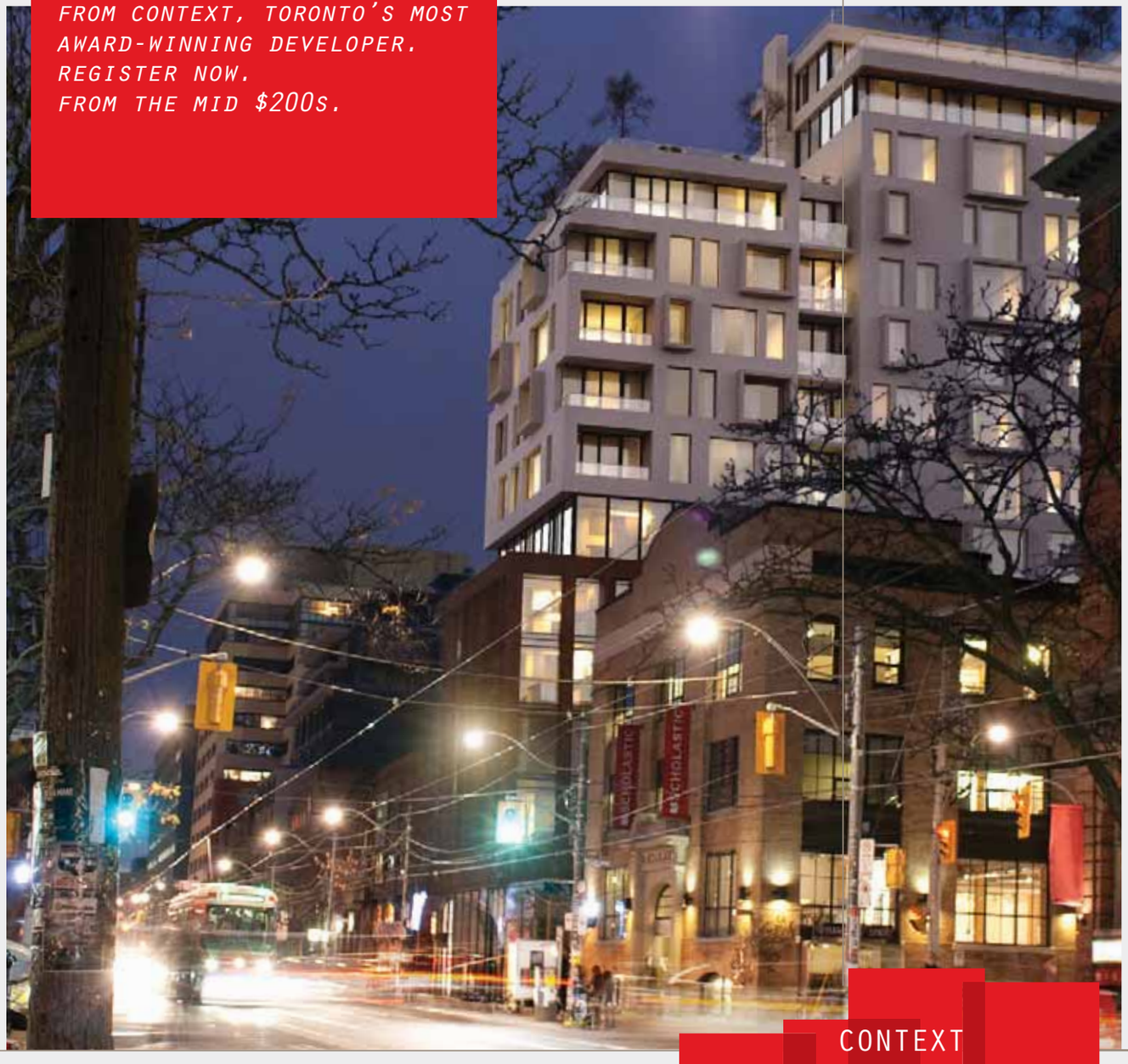

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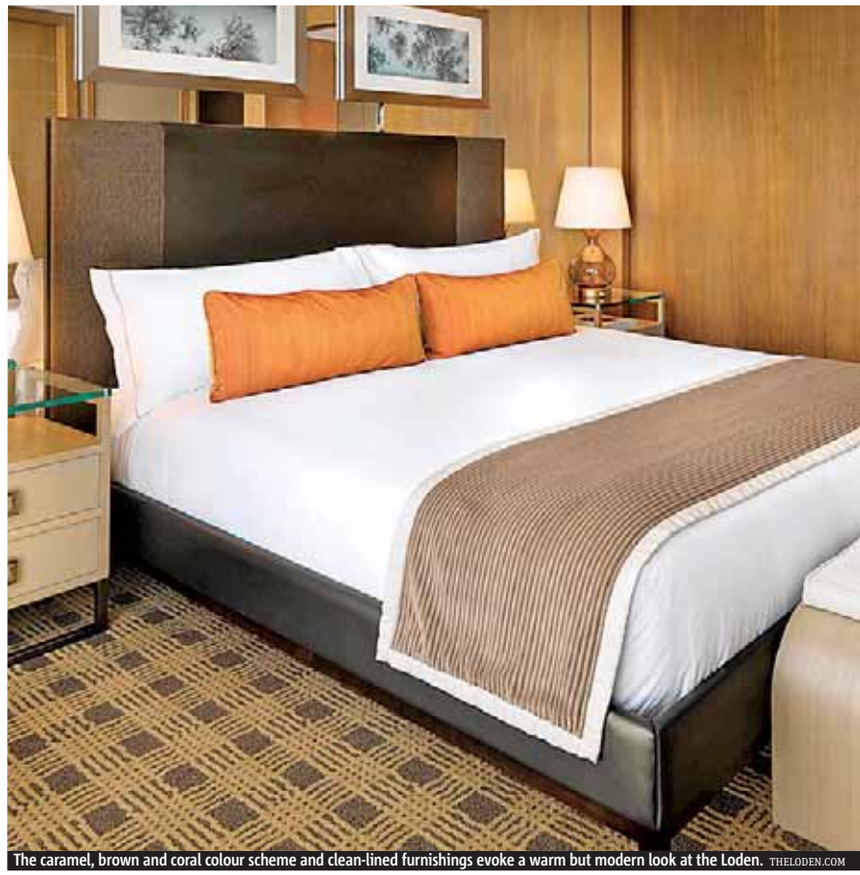

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Charles the butler

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Dear Charles the butler, My Whirlpool washing machine is leaking a little bit. It happens in the front of the machine. It starts leaking when it starts to fill with water. It's not much but I am scared it could get worse. Also, the dryer, which is on top of the washer, is not drying clothes even if I set it to high temperature.

Please let me know what you think of these issues. Will they be costly to repair? Thanks,
Renuka

Dear Renuka,

Any leak from a washing machine has to be corrected. I guess because you talk about the leak coming from the front, it must be the rubber seal or gasket around the door.

Regardless of what this will cost to fix, it is imperative that you have it looked at ASAP, because whatever it costs to repair this problem, it will be 100 times less expensive than a catastrophic leak.

Now regarding your dryer. Though I'm not a repairman I would suspect you have one of two problems: either the exhaust needs to be cleaned or the unit is simply not heating correctly due to a mechanical problem.

Either of these problems will stop the machine from having the ability to dry clothes. Rather than wasting costly electricity, my advice is to have a certified Whirlpool repairman come to the house to assess and repair the problem.

Good luck and let us know how it turns out!

Hotel chic in your own home

Decor ideas. Karl Lohnes creates a stylish bedroom inspired by the Loden hotel in Vancouver.

I often come home from my travels with memories of the decorating details from some exceptional hotels I stay at. No matter where I travel I always fall in love with a detail, colour or furniture style that I want to incorporate into my own home's decor.

All hotels set out to create unique visual experiences for their guests and Vancouver's Loden hotel is no exception.

Tucked in the distinguished Coal Harbour Neighbourhood; the 77-room luxury hotel opened its doors in 2008 and has been winning awards for its customer service and great looks ever since. Its warm and inviting colours and style creates an atmosphere that definitely says urban on a human scale; something even trendy travellers appreciate when away from the comforts of home. I love their surprising use of the colour orange; long before it was ever trendy.

The wood-toned walls wrap guest rooms in a warm glow, which is a great colour choice for Vancouver's grey days. For a similar look, paint your walls a deep caramel colour (Benjamin Moore's Capilano Bridge CC-440 is a great match) or cover them with a paintable wood textured wallpaper to introduce the woodgrain colour and element.

The mirrored wall behind the bed reflects light from the window and keeps the room feeling open and airy. Try standing two tall floor mirrors behind each night stand to achieve a similar effect in your own room.

The patterned carpet (a great decorating trick of most hotel rooms) not only camouflages wear but also adds a warm texture to the room. Carpet tiles are a great way to add a pattern to your floor without costing a lot; or better yet, place decorative carpet runners down each side of the bed to warm up your space and add some texture to the room.

The simple shapes of the bed, nightstands and lamps give the room a modern edge. With the mid-century modern look on the return, you might want to search a few trendy classifieds (like craigslist or Kijiji) for good buys. Otherwise, invest in one or two good pieces that you know you will love for a long time.

A burst of colour (coral is the accent colour of choice at the Loden Hotel) can be changed seasonally to follow trends or incorporate a new colour as desired. The secret to colour is to use it in things that can easily be changed out seasonally; pillows, a vase or lampshades are an inexpensive way to indulge in trendy colours.

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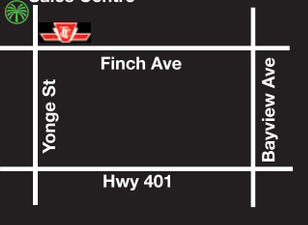

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Stylish cookware can complement your home decor. ISTOCK

Cookware. Buying pots and pans doesn't have to be drudgery — pick pieces that will pack some design punch

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Buying pots and pans is a lot like visiting the dentist — in other words, a painful necessity.

The chances are that you'll only embark on this outing on a handful of occasions: first, leaving home when you'll buy cookware equivalent to that of an iron age Neanderthal, and second, on your wedding day, where you won't physically purchase but rather lazily tick a box on a gift list.

Get cooking

"Ultimately, investing in a few nice pieces is still vastly cheaper than eating out a few times a week"

Even those of you scraping by on a high sugar, salt and fat but vastly deficient vitamin diet will have to grace the hob.

Rather than begrudging the whole ritualistic process of cooking, it's worth purchasing a few statement pans that'll add a dash of interior spice and dare I say glamour to your cookware armory?

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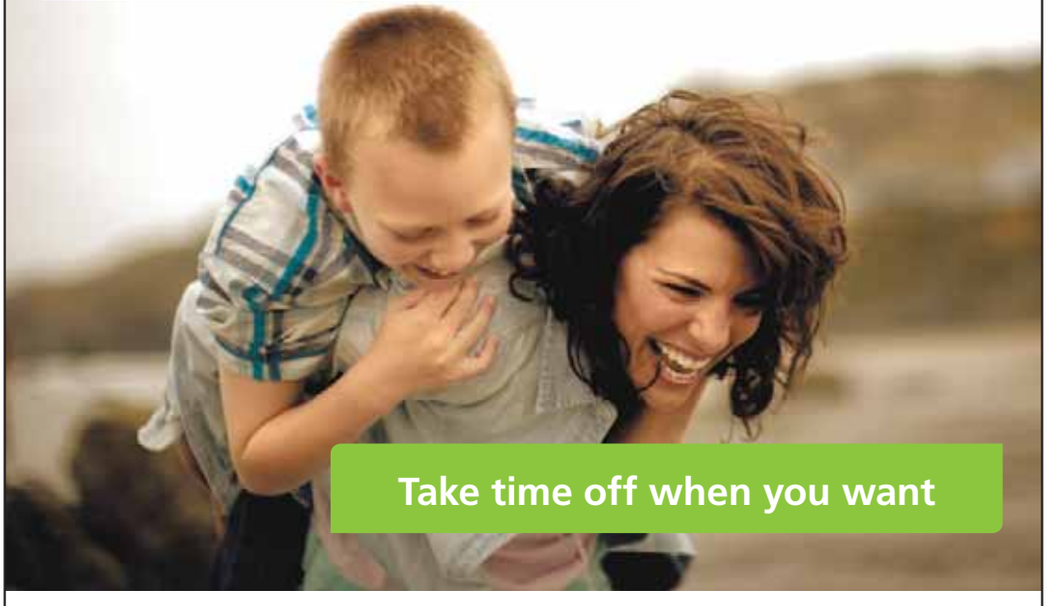

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azur tagine, $130, cooking.com

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pottery round covered casserole, 5 cup, $68, chefscatalog.com

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M'mini Cocotte with lid, $108, amara.co.uk

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Coq Au Vin in basil, $240, williams-sonoma.com

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STIL clay pot, $30, ikea.com

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saucepan, $81, alessi-shop.com

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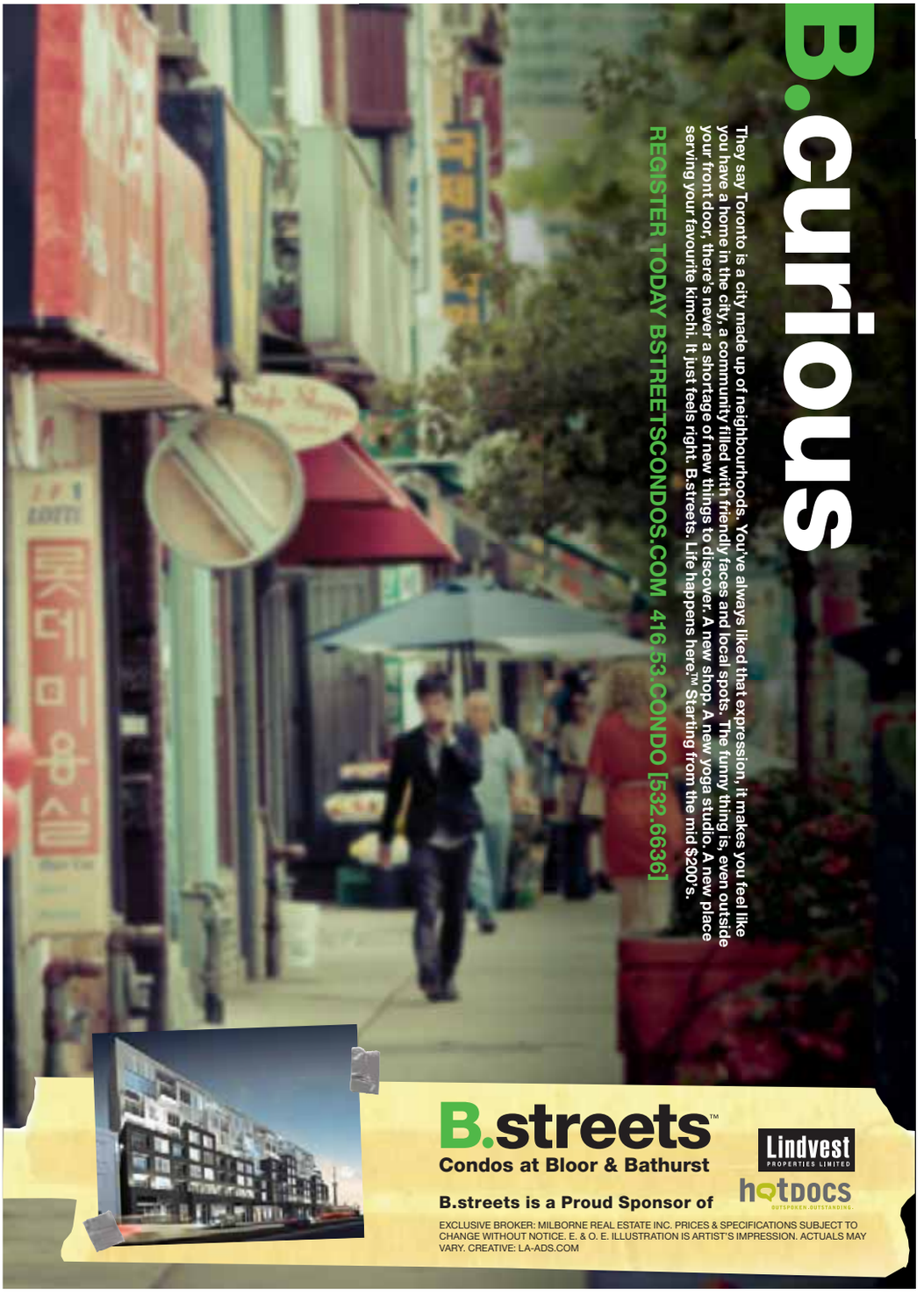
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This ain't your grandma's wallpaper, baby

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Wallpaper isn't just something you change on your cellphone every other day. Stick some on your wall too.

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Forget everything you already know about wallpaper, because it's no longer a stuffy, dated eyesore from the '70s.

Top designers, including Back Bay interior designer Allison Sheffield, are using it in creative new ways to breathe fresh life into the historically staid wall covering.

Sheffield spoke with Metro about new trends, the best rooms to use wallpaper in and how to decorate without breaking the bank.

1. The first step in using wallpaper in your home is realizing it doesn't have to be a permanent commitment, says Sheffield.

"I grew up with a mom who knew how to wallpaper. I never saw it as permanent."

2. Ease yourself into it by focusing on a small room, such as a powder room, or an accent wall.

A little goes a long way

"Doing one wall seems less daunting, or using it in a powder room is [very impactful]. It doesn't take a lot of expensive paper to make a big impact."

Back Bay interior designer Allison Sheffield

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Wallpapering an accent wall can take the place of an expensive piece of art to draw the eye to a focal point in the room, says Sheffield. Wallpapering a ceiling is also an option, she says.

"Wallpapering the ceiling in a powder room makes it seem like you are walking into a jewel box."

3. Scraps of wallpaper can be used to line bookshelves or to highlight mouldings or woodwork.

If you're still not convinced, many reputable companies are now selling removable wallpaper people can easily hang themselves without the help of a professional.

"If you are renting or don't have the budget to spend a lot on nice paper, it is perfect," says Sheffield.

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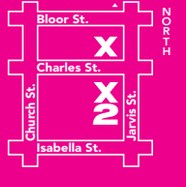

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"I want to get back out there and play. I don't feel like everybody will say, 'He has to do this' or 'He has to prove that.' I don't feel that way. I know how much I love being a quarterback and love football and I want to go play again."

Peyton Manning, after being released by the Indianapolis Colts on Wednesday. After holding a press conference, the superstar quarterback flew to South Florida in his private plane. He landed at a small airport 30 minutes from the Miami Dolphins' complex, but he then rode off in a different direction with the news media in pursuit. When his van reached Miami Beach, it pulled over in a church parking lot, and Manning emerged to tell reporters South Florida might not be his final destination. Manning has a condo in a the area and has been working out with former Colts teammate Reggie Wayne, who lives in South Florida.

Leafs blow early lead in Pittsburgh

Toronto Maple Leafs forward Carter Ashton shoves Pittsburgh Penguins defenceman Brian Strait into linesman Brian Murphy on Wednesday night in Pittsburgh. Pascal Dupuis scored twice and had an assist as the Penguins rallied to beat the slumping Maple Leafs 3-2 for their seventh straight victory. Phil Kessel and Carl Gunnarsson scored for Toronto. The Maple Leafs let an early two-goal lead slip away while falling to 1-2 since Randy Carlyle took over as coach following Ron Wilson's firing.

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Galaxy escape with draw

CONCACAF. TFC seemed set to win first leg of quarter-final before Donovan scored in the 89th minute

Landon Donovan scored in the 89th minute to give the Los Angeles Galaxy a 2-2 tie with Toronto FC on Wednesday night under the dome in the first leg of their CONCACAF Champions League quarter-final.

The goal came in a goal-mouth scramble from a David Beckham corner, with Donovan poking the ball in.

Until then, it had looked like Toronto was going to hang on, having scored early and survived a series of defensive wobbles.

It was frenetic and entertaining soccer, if not the beautiful game before an enthusiastic crowd of 47,658 at the Rogers Centre. It was also fun on a big stage, with a big star in Beckham orchestrating the visitors' attack.

Ryan Johnson and Luis Silva scored for Toronto, which led 2-0 after just 18 minutes.

Mike Magee opened the scoring for Los Angeles, which looked disjointed at both ends for much of the evening.

Both defences were in pre-season form, making for lots of scoring chances. The second half was particularly sloppy.

The second leg is scheduled for March 14 at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif., with the winner advancing to play either the Seattle Sounders or Mexico's Santos Laguna.

The star-studded Galaxy started slowly and were ripped apart on defence by the searing pace of Toronto's Joao Plata. Los Angeles looked to respond with the long ball but failed to crack open the home defence.

Toronto was feisty with big Dutch striker Danny Koevermans getting in Josh Saunders' face early in the second half when the Galaxy goalie clashed with him on the edge of the penalty box.

Koevermans lifted up his shorts to show an ugly welt on his thigh.

The evening started quietly but had ramped up nicely for kickoff.

Beckham drew the loudest ovation during Galaxy introductions, with boos and cheers almost even.

The crowd, quiet before the game, found its voice for the Toronto introductions with a rousing welcome in particular to captain Torsten Frings, Koevermans and the diminutive Plata.

As at BMO Field, the south end of the stadium led the way in enthusiasm. It looked like the bottom stand had been daubed in red paint and fans there launched the TFC chant as kickoff approached.

Even the Toronto subs were treated like royalty as they came on the field. Head coach Aron Winter, wearing a stylish suit that made him look like he was playing a gig with The Jam later in the evening, was also warmly welcomed.

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NBA. DeRozan scores 23 to lead Raptors to 116-98 win over Houston

Toronto Raptors head coach Dwane Casey spent the early portion of the fourth quarter shouting at his players while they squandered a 17-point lead against a weary Houston Rockets team Wednesday night.

Whatever message he had for them was received just in time.

DeMar DeRozan scored 23 points as the Raptors used sizzling first-half shooting and a pivotal fourth-quarter surge to upend the struggling Houston Raptors 116-98.

Toronto established season highs in points and shooting percentage (59.2), but needed more than three quarters to put away a Rockets team that looked worn down following an overtime loss in Boston.

Coach's take

"We were playing more with our hands instead of our feet."

Raptors head coach Dwane Casey

Thanks to a slew of Raptors fouls, six Houston players had five or more free throw attempts.

The victory came with plenty of blemishes, but what mattered most to Casey was that his players were able to fend off surging Houston and take control of a game that appeared to be slipping away.

"I thought they had us where they wanted us," said Casey. "A team like that, a veteran team, you never relax in those situations ... but I was happy the way our guys bounced back, made a run, got back into it defensively and got out in the open floor, ran and made good decisions."

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NHL

Lupul, Armstrong out for Leafs

Toronto Maple Leafs forward Joffrey Lupul will be sidelined for three to four weeks with a separated shoulder.

Lupul was injured on a hit from David Krejci in Tuesday's 5-4 loss to the Boston Bruins.

Colby Armstrong was also injured in the game, breaking his nose in a fight with Dennis Seidenberg. Carter Ashton has been called up from the AHL's Marlies on an emergency basis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soccer

Messi makes scoring history

Lionel Messi took his scoring prowess to yet another level on Wednesday, becoming the first player to net five goals in a Champions League game as Barcelona thrashed Bayer Leverkusen 7-1 Wednesday to ease into the quarter-finals.

The 24-year-old Messi took his overall season tally to 48 goals and he is now just seven away from matching Cesar Rodriguez's all-time club record of 235.

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The Manning race begins

After being cut by the Colts Wednesday, Peyton Manning will have teams lining up to see if he's the right fit for them. Here's a look at some of the top contenders to sign the quarterback who's the only four-time MVP in NFL history.

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New York Jets

Coach Rex Ryan has repeatedly expressed his admiration and respect for Manning, and the Jets aren't far removed from winning.

They went to consecutive AFC championship games before in-fighting contributed to the team finishing 8-8 and missing the playoffs.

2 Miami Dolphins

When the Dolphins hired the offensive-minded Joe Philbin as coach in January, team officials privately said they would go after Manning if he became available.

Miami has money, terrific talent and warm weather: three big selling points for the Dolphins.

Kansas City Chiefs

Matt Cassel was a Pro Bowl quarterback just two years ago, but a healthy Manning would be a step up. A big one.

The Chiefs also have a terrific trio of young playmakers in running back Jamaal Charles, wide receiver Dwayne Bowe and tight end Tony Moeaki. Manning would have people around him to make plays.

4 Arizona Cardinals

Certainly having Larry Fitzgerald there would give Manning a game-changing receiver. Arizona would also offer Manning a warm-weather climate.

The problem? Arizona made a big splash last offseason when it signed QB Kevin Kolb to a huge contract.

Washington Redskins

Owner Dan Snyder always seems to be in play when it comes to signing big-name free agents, and the Redskins are in major need of a quarterback.

Mike Shanahan has whiffed on three (Donovan McNabb, Rex Grossman and John Beck) in two years, and the Redskins are expected to pursue Manning if they can determine he's healthy.

6 Seattle Seahawks

QB Tarvaris Jackson toughed his way through a painful pectoral injury for more than half of last season, but was never overly impressive. Manning could be the answer.

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Ottawa	68	35	25	6	2	209	201	78	17-13-2-1	18-12-4-1	7-3-0-0	W1
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Toronto	66	30	29	4	3	198	206	67	16-13-3-2	14-16-1-1	2-7-1-0	L1
NY Islanders	66	28	29	6	3	154	190	65	15-14-5-0	13-15-2-2	4-5-1-0	W2
Carolina	66	25	27	8	6	175	200	64	17-13-1-5	8-14-7-1	5-2-1-2	W1
Montreal	67	25	32	2	8	174	189	60	12-15-2-6	13-17-0-2	2-7-0-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-St. Louis	67	42	18	1	6	174	132	91	27-4-1-3	15-14-0-3	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Vancouver	67	41	18	1	7	211	166	90	19-8-0-4	22-10-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
d-Dallas	67	36	26	1	4	179	180	77	18-12-0-3	18-14-1-1	7-1-1-1	W3
Detroit	67	43	21	1	2	211	156	89	27-4-1-1	16-17-0-1	5-4-0-1	L2
Nashville	66	38	21	3	4	188	171	83	21-8-2-3	17-13-1-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Chicago	68	36	25	4	3	203	200	79	22-7-1-3	14-18-3-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Phoenix	67	33	25	3	6	173	170	75	17-12-2-2	16-13-1-4	6-4-0-0	L4
San Jose	65	33	24	4	4	181	166	74	19-11-2-1	14-13-2-3	2-7-0-1	L3
Los Angeles	66	31	23	5	7	147	143	74	17-13-0-4	14-10-5-3	5-4-0-1	W2
Colorado	68	35	29	3	1	178	181	74	19-15-0-1	16-14-3-0	7-3-0-0	W2
Calgary	67	30	25	5	7	164	185	72	17-9-1-4	13-15-4-3	3-2-2-3	W1
Anaheim	67	29	28	4	6	170	188	68	18-14-2-0	11-14-2-6	5-4-0-1	W1
Minnesota	67	28	29	2	8	144	187	66	15-12-1-3	13-17-1-5	3-6-0-1	L5
Edmonton	66	26	34	2	4	175	198	58	16-13-2-2	10-21-0-2	4-6-0-0	W1
Columbus	66	21	38	2	5	156	216	49	12-18-1-2	9-20-1-3	5-4-1-0	W3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Carolina at Buffalo
Toronto at Pittsburgh
Tuesday's results
Calgary 5 Montreal 4
Edmonton 3 San Jose 2 (SO)
Ottawa 7 Tampa Bay 3
Boston 5 Toronto 4
Dallas 5 Vancouver 2
Carolina 4 Washington 3 (OT)
Colorado 7 Minnesota 1
Columbus 3 Phoenix 2
Los Angeles 5 Nashville 4
New Jersey 4 N.Y. Rangers 1
Philadelphia 3 Detroit 2
St. Louis 5 Chicago 1
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Washington at Boston, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	48	33	81
Malkin, Pgh	38	43	81
Giroux, Pha	24	53	77
Spezza, Ott	28	44	72
Kessel, Tor	33	37	70
Lupul, Tor	25	42	67
Karlsson, Ott	16	51	67
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	53	66
D.Sedin, Vcr	28	36	64
Hossa, Chi	27	37	64
Kovalchuk, NJ	26	38	64
Eberle, Edm	30	33	63
Tavares, NYI	26	37	63
Elias, NJ	22	41	63
Neal, Pgh	30	32	62
Eriksson, Dal	23	38	61
St. Louis, TB	22	39	61
Ra.Whitney, Phx	21	40	61
Hartnell, Pha	31	28	59
Pominville, Buf	23	36	59
E.Staal, Car	19	40	59
Datsyuk, Det	16	43	59
Parenteau, NYI	15	44	59
Thornton, SJ	14	45	59
Gaborik, NYR	32	26	58
Selanne, Ana	21	37	58
Toews, Chi	29	28	57
Parise, NJ	27	30	57
Moulson, NYI	28	28	56
Kopitar, LA	19	37	56
Vrbata, Phx	30	25	55
Sharp, Chi	25	30	55
Zetterberg, Det	16	39	55
Perry, Ana	33	21	54
Iginla, Cal	27	27	54
Seguin, Bos	24	30	54
Filppula, Det	21	33	54
O.Jokinen, Cal	20	34	54
Bergeron, Bos	19	35	54
Wheeler, Wpg	15	39	54
Couture, SJ	27	26	53
Purcell, TB	19	34	53
P.Kane, Chi	16	37	53

Not including last night's games

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Province (Skip)	W	L
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Alberta (K. Koe)	7	1
Manitoba (R. Fowler)	5	3
Northwest Territories/Yukon (J. Koe)	5	4
Nova Scotia (Murphy)	4	4
British Columbia (Cotter)	4	4
Northern Ontario (Jacobs)	4	4
Newfoundland & Labrador (Gushue)	3	5
New Brunswick (T. Odishaw)	3	5
Quebec (Desjardins)	3	6
P.E.I. (Gaudet)	2	6
Saskatchewan (Manners)	2	7

x — clinched playoff berth
Yesterday's results
DRAW 12
Alberta 11 Northwest Territories/Yukon 3
Newfoundland & Labrador 10 Saskatchewan 6
Northern Ontario 9 Quebec 2
Ontario 8 British Columbia 4
DRAW 13
Manitoba 10 Northwest Territories/Yukon 5
New Brunswick 9 Saskatchewan 8
Ontario 10 Prince Edward Island 5
Quebec 7 Nova Scotia 6
DRAW 14
Manitoba vs. Alberta; Nova Scotia vs. Northern Ontario; Prince Edward Island vs. British Columbia; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. New Brunswick.
Tuesday's results
NINTH DRAW
Alberta 8 Newfoundland & Labrador 1
British Columbia 7 Northern Ontario 3
Manitoba 10 Nova Scotia 7
Prince Edward Island 8 New Brunswick 6
DRAW 10
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 British Columbia 6
Northern Ontario 7 Alberta 6
Northwest Territories/Yukon 8 Quebec 7 (extra end)
Ontario 7 Saskatchewan 5 (extra end)
DRAW 11
Nova Scotia 10 Saskatchewan 7
Ontario 8 Manitoba 4
Prince Edward Island 0 Northwest Territories/Yukon 6
Quebec 8 New Brunswick 3
Today's games
DRAW 15, 9:30 A.M.
Ontario vs. Nova Scotia; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. New Brunswick; Prince Edward Island vs. Quebec.
DRAW 16, 2:30 P.M.
Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Prince Edward Island; British Columbia vs. New Brunswick; Northern Ontario vs. Manitoba; Nova Scotia vs. Alberta.
DRAW 17, 7:30 P.M.
Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. British Columbia; Quebec vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Ontario vs. Alberta; Northern Ontario vs. Saskatchewan.
Tomorrow's games
TIEBREAKERS (IF REQUIRED)
One Draw — 1:30 p.m.
Two Draws — 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Three Draws — 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.
PAGE PLAYOFFS
One vs. Two, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
PAGE PLAYOFFS
Three vs. Four, 2:30 p.m.
SEMIFINAL
One-Two loser vs. Three-Four winner, 8 p.m.
Sunday's games
THIRD PLACE
Semifinal loser vs. Three-Four loser, 10 a.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
One-Two Winner vs. Semifinal winner, 7 p.m.

SOCCER

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

All Times Eastern

QUARTER-FINALS

FIRST LEG
Last night's results
Toronto FC vs. LA Galaxy (U.S.)
Seattle Sounders (U.S.) vs. Santos (Mexico)
Tuesday's result
Morelia (Mexico) 1 Monterrey (Mexico) 3
Tonight's game
Isidro Metapan (El Salvador) vs. Pumas (Mexico), 8 p.m.
SECOND LEG
Tuesday, March 13
Monterrey (Mexico) vs. Morelia (Mexico), 10 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14
Santos (Mexico) vs. Seattle Sounders (U.S.), 8 p.m.
LA Galaxy (U.S.) vs. Toronto FC (Canada), 10 p.m.
Thursday, March 15
Pumas (Mexico) vs. Isidro Metapan (El Salvador), 10 p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

ROUND OF 16

SECOND LEG
Yesterday's results
APOEL Nicosia (Cyprus) 1 Lyon (France) 0
(1-1 on aggregate. APOEL advances 4-3 on penalties)
Barcelona (Spain) 7 Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1
(Barcelona advances 10-2 on aggregate)
Tuesday's results
Arsenal (England) 3 AC Milan (Italy) 0
(AC Milan advances 4-3 on aggregate)
Benfica (Portugal) 2 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 0
(Benfica advances 4-3 on aggregate)

ITALY

SERIE A

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AC Milan	26	16	6	4	53	22	54
Juventus	26	13	13	0	39	17	52
Lazio	26	14	6	6	41	30	48
Udinese	26	13	7	6	37	23	46
Napoli	26	11	10	5	44	25	43
Roma	26	11	5	10	39	33	38
Inter Milan	26	11	4	11	36	36	37
Catania	26	8	11	7	34	35	35
Palermo	26	10	4	12	39	43	34
Chievo Verona	26	9	7	10	22	31	34
x-Atalanta	26	9	11	6	30	28	32
Fiorentina	26	8	8	10	27	27	32
Bologna	26	8	8	10	26	30	32
Genoa	26	9	5	12	35	48	32
Cagliari	26	7	10	9	23	29	31
Parma	26	7	8	11	32	41	30
Siena	26	7	8	11	30	28	29
Lecce	26	6	7	13	30	42	25
Novara	26	3	8	15	21	46	17
Cesena	26	4	5	17	16	40	17

x-penalized 6 points in betting scandal
Yesterday's results
Bologna 1 Juventus 1
Cesena 0 Catania 0
Parma 2 Fiorentina 2
Tomorrow's games
Inter Milan at Chievo Verona
Cagliari at Napoli

ENGLAND

FA CUP

FIFTH ROUND — REPLAY
Yesterday's result
Tottenham 3 Stevenage 1

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Boston	3	0	1.000
Detroit	5	0	1.000
Seattle	5	1	.833
Los Angeles	2	1	.667
Oakland	4	2	.667
Kansas City	3	2	.600
Toronto	3	2	.600
Baltimore	2	2	.500
Cleveland	2	2	.500
Minnesota	3	3	.500
Texas	2	2	.500
New York	2	3	.400
Tampa Bay	1	4	.200
Chicago	0	3	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Houston	4	1	.800
Milwaukee	2	1	.667
San Francisco	3	2	.600
Chicago	2	2	.500
Cincinnati	2	2	.500
Los Angeles	1	1	.500
New York	2	2	.500
Washington	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	2	3	.400
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400
Colorado	1	2	.333
Miami	1	2	.333
Arizona	1	4	.200
Atlanta	1	4	.200
San Diego	1	4	.200
St. Louis	0	2	.000

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.
Yesterday's results
Tampa Bay 4 N.Y. Yankees 0
Washington 3 St. Louis 3
Houston 10 Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Mets 7 Miami 0
Baltimore 6 Minnesota 0
Detroit 5 Atlanta 1
Toronto (ss) 3 Boston 3
Toronto (ss) 8 Pittsburgh 6
Chicago Cubs 6 Kansas City 4
San Francisco 8 Colorado 6
Texas 6 San Diego (ss) 2
Milwaukee 10 Chicago White Sox 6
Seattle 6 L.A. Angels 4
Oakland 3 L.A. Dodgers 3, tie
San Diego (ss) 5 Cincinnati 0
Cleveland 10 Arizona 2

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	8	4	4	.500	94	96	—
Philadelphia	8	4	4	.500	88	100	—
Rochester	9	4	5	.444	113	111	½
Buffalo	7	2	5	.286	83	92	1½

WEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	8	7	1	.875	109	107	—
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	106	90	2
Minnesota	8	5	3	.625	103	92	2
Edmonton	6	2	4	.333	64	61	4
Washington	8	2	6	.250	79	100	5

Week Nine
WEEK 10
Tomorrow's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Boston at Rochester, 1:05 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Colorado at Washington, 8 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	32	8	.800	—
d-Miami	29	9	.763	2
Orlando	25	15	.625	7
d-Philadelphia	23	17	.575	9
Indiana	23	14	.622	7½
Atlanta	23	15	.605	8
Boston	20	18	.526	11
New York	18	20	.474	13
Milwaukee	15	23	.395	16
Cleveland	13	23	.361	17
Detroit	13	26	.333	18½
Toronto	12	26	.316	19
New Jersey	12	27	.308	19½
Washington	8	29	.216	22½
Charlotte	5	31	.139	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

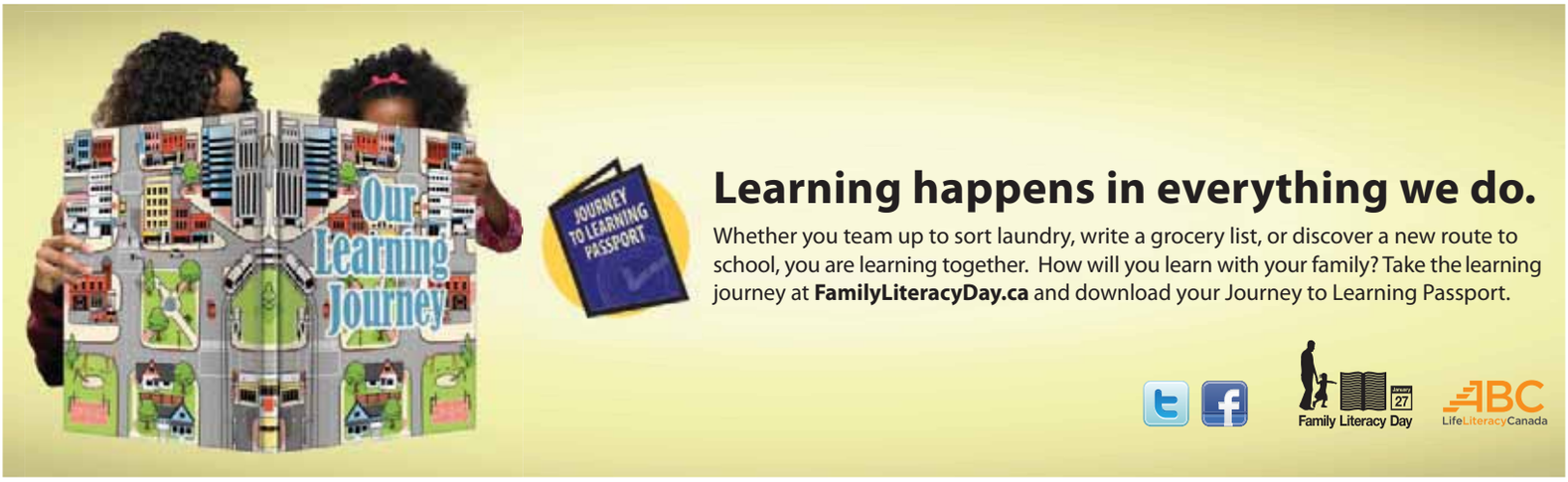
	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	30	8	.789	—
d-San Antonio	25	12	.676	4½
d-L.A. Clippers	22	14	.611	7
L.A. Lakers	23	15	.605	7
Memphis	22	15	.595	7½
Dallas	23	17	.575	8
Denver	22	17	.564	8½
Houston	21	18	.538	9½
Minnesota	20	19	.513	10½
Portland	19	19	.500	11
Utah	18	19	.486	11½
Phoenix	17	20	.459	12½
Golden State	15	20	.429	13½
Sacramento	12	26	.316	18
New Orleans	9	29	.237	21

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Philadelphia 103 Boston 71
Utah at Charlotte
Houston at Toronto
L.A. Lakers at Washington
Atlanta at Miami
Phoenix at Oklahoma City
Portland at Minnesota
Chicago at Milwaukee
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey
New York at San Antonio
Cleveland at Denver
New Orleans at Sacramento
Memphis at Golden State
Tuesday's results
Charlotte 100 Orlando 84
Atlanta 101 Indiana 96
Boston 97 Houston 92 (OT)
Detroit 88 L.A. Lakers 85 (OT)
Miami 108 New Jersey 78
Dallas 95 New York 85
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

CALENDAR

April 26 — Regular season ends
April 27 — Rosters set for playoffs, 3 p.m. ET
April 28 — Playoffs begin.
April 29 — Draft early entry eligibility deadline, 11:59 p.m. ET
May 30 — Draft lottery
June 12 — NBA Finals begin (possible move up to June 10)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Argonauts defensive tackle Adriano Belli runs down Eskimos quarterback Stephan LeFors for a sack in a 2007 game. CANADIAN PRESS FILE PHOTO

CFL has bounties too: Belli

Football. Cash for big hits common, says former Argonauts defensive tackle

Player bounties are making headlines in the NFL but former CFL defensive tackle Adriano Belli says the practice is also commonplace in Canada.

"Players put up bounties all the time," said Belli, a 10-year CFL veteran who retired last May.

"We all got per diem when we travelled, you'd get a couple of hundred bucks or even more depending on your contract for spending money on road trips.

"I've seen guys before the game put $100 a pop into a pot and go into the locker-room and say, 'OK, first sack or the first guy to knock the quarterback out of the game gets the pot.' That's fairly normal."

Two CFL players currently in the league but requesting anonymity also told The Canadian Press that cash pools and bounties are alive and well in Canada.

"The thing with the Saints is it's the first time I've heard of a coach being involved," one player said. "It's always something between us players."

Late last week, an NFL investigation found between 22 and 27 New Orleans defensive players and former defensive co-ordinator Gregg Williams maintained a bounty pool for three seasons that rewarded Saints defenders for knocking opponents out of games due to injury.

The league found the Saints targeted players such as quarterbacks Brett Favre and Kurt Warner.

If a player were knocked out of a game, the reward was $1,500 US. If he was carted off, it was $1,000. The NFL said the pool was as high as $50,000 or more in 2009, the year the Saints won the Super Bowl.

The CFL pool would seem paltry by comparison, comprising a few hundred dollars, depending on the number of players kicking money in. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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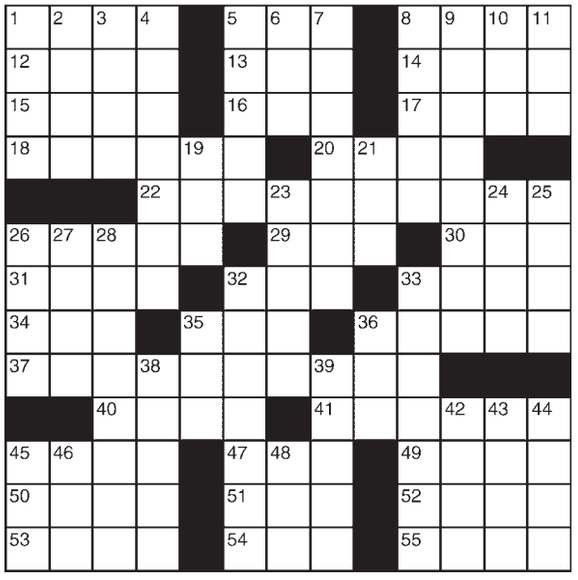

Across

1 Paddock papa
5 Rotating part
8 Lateen-rigged boat
12 Mideastern gulf
13 "The Greatest"
14 Architect Saarinen
15 Paper quantity
16 Under the weather
17 George Herman Ruth
18 Damage
20 Praise highly
22 Conclusive proof
26 Grip
29 Trigger's rider
30 Id counterpart
31 See 36-Across
32 Victory
33 Auction
34 — out a living
35 Lubricate
36 With 31-Across, 1957 Pat Boone hit
37 Forefront of activity
40 From square one
41 Etta James classic
45 "The Forsyte —"
47 $ dispenser
49 Perjurer
50 Paradise
51 Unruly group
52 Advan-tage
53 "The Da Vinci —"
54 "Mayday!"
55 Dilbert's workplace

Down

1 Ganges garment
2 Footnote word
3 Harvest
4 As a group
5 Egypt's capital
6 The whole enchilada
7 Top prize on many recent game shows
8 Fix, as software
9 Hats
10 Sphere
11 Misery
19 Mischievous tyke
21 Whatever number
23 Baleen whale's fodder
24 Wrinkly citrus
25 Christmas refrain
26 Staff leader?
27 Norse trickster god
28 Did a mean job?
32 Some Native American homes
33 Relieved
35 Individual
36 Pismire
38 Crazy
39 Poetic feet
42 Staffer
43 Droops
44 "Star —"
45 Moment
46 Commotion
48 Excessively

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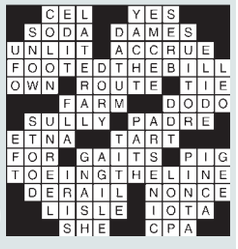

Sudoku

			7		1			
	8					6		
7	1	6				2	3	4
		3	9		4	5		
2								7
		8	5		2	6		
5	3	9				4	2	6
	2						1	
			4		5			

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

4	7	9	3	2	8	5	1	6
2	1	3	5	4	6	8	9	7
8	6	5	1	7	9	3	2	4
6	3	7	8	9	5	2	4	1
5	2	8	4	1	3	7	6	9
1	9	4	7	6	2	8	3	5
9	8	2	6	5	1	4	7	3
3	4	1	2	8	7	9	5	8
7	5	6	9	3	4	1	8	2

Send a kiss

- **Laughing.** He who has the last laugh laughs hardest and longest! =) From Out Loud
- **Sweet Art.** It took everything I had to give you a cupcake on Valentine's Day, and despite its heart box I felt that you didn't completely understand... Please open your eyes and look my way - I want to bake the next batch together with you. Boy Over Flour.
- **Yummi.** I hope that one day you will see this message that I left you just so you know how I feel. I want to tell you everyday but I can never find the courage. I think you're amazing, in every way. If there's one thing I know for sure it's how you make me feel. Me
- **Sebastion.** here i am<3 you just pucker up your lips like dis:P From fern
- **The Truth.** The truth is love, and no matter how much it's tough sometimes because love is a process of evolving and becoming more holy, we will all be ok. Just relax and let love grow. Monumental is the expression, in honesty, which can only create a happier, more honest truth to your life. Trust in your deeper way of feeling, and let it shine!

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Resist the urge to change methods for no good reason. New ways are not always better ways.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Moderation is a must today. If you fly too high, for whatever reason, the full moon will bring you back to earth with a bump.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Someone in a position of authority will make you an offer you find hard to refuse.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. If you let your imagination get the better of you, chances are you will overreact to something that isn't worth getting worked up about.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Both the sun and moon highlight the more materialistic areas of your chart at the moment.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Because today's full moon takes place in your birth sign, you may find it hard keeping your feelings under wraps. That's not bad.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Whether or not you enjoy what you have to do today depends entirely on your attitude.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you want to show that you're not the secretive, suspicious textbook Scorpio type now is the time.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Try not to come on too strong today, especially at work.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You're in a positive frame of mind and that's good, but someone will try to burst your bubble over the next 24 hours.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you get involved in a war of words today your rivals may start thinking you have something to hide, and it could be that you do!

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Don't give up on a relationship just because it is going through a rough patch. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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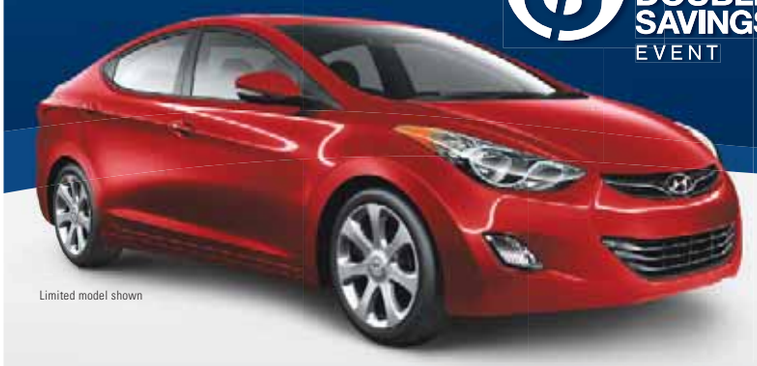

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